story does not stop here.
most 200 years, at the prop-
e of the hunter's moon, per-
orn with a veil and so
with second sight can still
oor Gregory's dogs give
oath as they strike the trail
his dragged body, and
it to the sink hole, where
and growls are silenced by
ing discharges of flint lock

nning more than a century
the name Naps begins to
in the old records as
, a well known family
the Greenbrier Valley.

Alderson Times, Volume I
r 1, as of March 9, 1951,
ew paper on our exchange,
arles J. Eib of Marlinton,
publisher and John R. Ken-
Marlinton is the editor
siness manager. Though a
s center and seat of cul-
e town of Alderson has
ort a newspaper for half
ration. The welcome ex-
by business people is
earted in the way of a
flood tide of advertise-
The old saying that ab-
akes the heart grow fon-
y be applicable to a com-
paper.
ew paper reminds me that
han fifty years since, a
named Hutchinson, went
arlinton to Alderson and
a paper, The Man. This
out the time of the ebb of
known as the Populist
ent. It blew in from out
way. Two things had
y to lay the tempest—
crease for farm products
e lack of stability and
g of the agitators. Sure,
dvocated a lot of proper
ded reforms. Many have
out in the orderly process
Few of such reformers
tical profit slipped into
nder cover of the dust
ised.
fred Taylor, now of Fay-
, took over whatever
as of The Man for an hon-
t for unpaid wage. He
into the Alderson Adver-
Years later he sold to that
ing family of Monroe, the
ns. For years the Adver-
sisted under their guiding
o fall a depression victim
ate 1930's

ontas County patients at
enbrier Valley Hospital at
erte as listed in the West
News last week were:
allie Gabbert, of Boyer;
race Kisner, of Frank;
anton, of Durbin, and
cCoy, of Cass.

den in Marlinton, and now the one which pesters around the Carpenter home in Seebert.

The news of the panther this week comes from Bruffeys and Hills Creeks. After a recent snow the big tracks were noticed on one farm, where the varment had been hunting rabbits. It had also followed tracks of a wild cat and fox.

Another neighbor had his hounds out chasing foxes. The dogs came across the panther's trail, and there they lost all interest in the hunt.

Children waiting at the school bus stop on Bruffey Creek heard some varment whimpering on the high mountain top above them.

Then one morning one of the neighbors saw a panther traveling the road. It was some distance away, but in plain sight.

So far as the record is available, the volume of cash receipts at the Marlinton station of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway reached an all time high for the month of January of this year. The report of Station Agent F. G. Holland showed a total revenue of $71,000 for the month—ticket sales, incoming freight collect and outgoing freight prepaid. The next biggest month of which there is record was $56,000. This January exceeded last January by $22,000.

Sawmill Logs

Transportation is the biggest single item in the cost of sawmill logs

THE DURBIN THEATRE

PRESENTS

Friday and Saturday,—
March 16 and 17
Wanda Hendrix - Audie Murphy
— IN —
"SIERRA"
In Technicolor

Monday and Tuesday—
March 19 and 20
Judy Garland - Gene Kelley
— IN —
"Summer Stock"
In Technicolor

Thursday—March 22nd
Charlton Heston - Lizbeth Scott
— IN —
"Dark City"

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This 1st day of March, 1951.

Lanty P. Gilmore
mar 8-3t Marlinton, w. va

For Sale

One team bay mares and harness; seven and eleven years old, weigh about 1200 and 1400; sound and will work anywhere.

One Montgomery Ward 5 H.P. Garden Tractor with 10 inch plow and cultivator;

One Bear Cat 3 H.P. Garden Tractor with plow, disc, spike harrow and cultivator;

One single wheel auto trailer.

C. N. Dorman
mar 8-3t Beard, w. va.

BABY CHICKS

On or about March 14, I will have my battery brooders filled with baby chicks.

Place your order now for started chicks.

OAK CREST FARM
Millpoint, W. Va.

For Sale

One pair horses, weight 2900 lbs, sound, good workers;

One more, 11 years old, weight 1600 lbs; a good one.

Harry Varner
3-8-3t Marlinton, w. va.—Elk Route

For Sale

6 acres, 9 room house, outbuildings; electric pump in well; spring in pasture; good cement cellar. In edge of town. Write or see

Esta Gum
mar 8-3t Hillsboro, w. va.

Pups For Sale

6 Collie Pups;
4 Shepherd Pups; from heel drivers with plenty of grit;
Fresh Milk Goats;
Hereford Gilts, ready to breed.

S. Glenn Smith
mar 8-3t Mill Point, w. va.

For Sale

1948 Reo Truck;
1 1-2 Ton, 12 foot stake body; good rubber and in excellent condition.

Joe W. Riley
mar 8-3t Green Bank, w. va

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CALVIN W. PRICE, EDITOR

THURSDAY, MAR. 15, 1951

One chapter on Huntersville should make reference to the streams which meet there. The small one from the south is Cummings Creek—named for a man or family I have no line upon. A search of the land titles in Bath County might be revealing. The earlier records refer to Cummings Creek as Little Back Creek. This was confusing as just across the Alleghany Mountain there was another Little Back Creek. Its name remains to this day.

From the North flows Browns Creek, named from the same man or family as Browns Mountain.

Then the main stream is Knapps Creek. The first name was Ewing Creek. The old Greenbrier Company Survey by General Andrew Lewis in 1751 refers to the Ewing Cabin along with Jacob Marlin and Stephen Sewell. The Ewing holdings were away up the creek around the Prize Moore place below Frost. About Revolutionary war times, William Ewing traded these holdings—tomahawk survey to Moses Moore for some money and a bear trap. This William Ewing went to Point Pleasant in 1774 from Swago Creek. He had holdings back in the Black Forest beyond Beaver Dam and it is presumed Williams River is named for him. Then the records begin to refer to the stream as Naps Creek. This is for Napthalem Gregory who had a hunting camp on Knapps Creek, some where near where Westminster church is now. The records of Augusta County Court in the early 1760's report him missing in the Greenbrier. The tradition is that Gregory was killed by white outlaws, who robbed him of his season's catch of fur skins. The tradition further states the out laws were dressed like Indians. I was never told how such particulars came out about the death of poor Gregory. Anyway, he was killed one day when he returned to his camp from a bear chase. The murderers dragged his body to a sink hole up on Brown's Mountain. As the men neared the sink hole, Gregory's hound's came back from the chase, and followed the trail at full mouth. They attacked the murderers of their master so bravely that the men killed the dogs. Gregory and his hunting dogs then shared a common grave.

The story does not stop here.

FIELD NOTES

Harrison Underwood, of Beaver Creek, reports the unusual—a black fox. He saw it in day light near his home. The black fox is a color phase of the common red fox. It seems to occur much more often in far northern states and Canada than it does in this latitude. About thirty years since one was reported seen in Marlin mountain.

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Apparently there are a good many coyotes in Tucker county where a Tennessee hunter killed one during the last deer season, thinks District Conservation Officer Wayne Stalnaker. The latter recently reported to the Conservation Commission that while he and County Conservation Officer Fielding H. Kyer were patrolling the Flat Plains section and the head of Red Creek the latter part of January they saw many tracks which, they were convinced, were made by coyotes. Kyer said a Texas Mountain farmer told him he had been hearing a howling coyote in his vicinity nearly every night.

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Charles C. Carpenter of Seebert, gave a leg for the cause of Liberty and Freedom in the First World War. While he may not get around so piert, he does get around and not much gets by his keen powers of observation. Birds are a special interest.

All this winter and spring he has had a problem bird on his hands. Time upon time he has allowed to take his squirrel rifle and blast the everlasting daylights out of the little stranger. Each time his heart has failed him.

Mr. Carpenter said without this bird has the most hateful character of anything he ever came across in the brute creation. He would like to know its name. It pestered, fought and bluffed every other bird about the place. Even the blue jay gave way to it. As for robins and blue birds and others of like peaceable natures, the bully ragging they got was a plumb sight.

Sure, I knew the name of the stranger. It is the mocking bird of romance, song and story. He is of the male persuasion. A bit larger than the cat bird; a bit darker in plumage, has a white spot on wings, which shows in flight, likes to eat apples frozen on the tree; as mean and temperamental as any play actor could be.

This is the third mocking bird I have known about in these mountains this winter. There was one reported from Highland county; there was one on Lower Camden in Marlinton, and now the

Mrs. W. H. VanReenan

Mrs. Ida Myrtle Woofter Van Reenan, died at her home in Campbelltown, Sunday morning, February 25, 1951, after a short illness; aged 67 years, 8 months, and 6 days.

Funeral services were conducted from the Campbelltown Methodist Church, on Tuesday afternoon, February 27, by her pastor, Rev. R. H. Crawford, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. D. R Carder, of Peterstown. Interment in the family plot in Mountain View Cemetery, where the members of Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 68 of Marlinton conducted graveside rites. The flower girls were Sister Rebekahs, and the pall bearers were: James Bear, Marvin Dunbrack, Andrew Beale, Zaron Sharp, Wilbur Shinaberry and Bob Daniels.

The deceased was born at Corley, West Virginia, in Braxton County, on July 31, 1883, a daughter, of James Wilson and Mary Singleton Gibson. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and three brothers. Surviving besides her husband, are one daughter, Mrs. V. B. Myers, of Montgomery, and one son, Cecil W. Woofter, of Washington, D. C

Mrs. VanReenan was a member of the Campbelltown Methodist Church, in which she was a tireless and energetic worker and was President of the Ladies Aid Society at the time of her death. She was a kindly working, unselfish Christian, always interested in the Sunday School, Ladies Aid or any work concerned with the Kingdom of God. She will be greatly missed in her community where she was ever ready to minister to those in distress, be it from whatever cause, and it mattered not what station in life they held. "Her children arise up, and called her blessed; her bus band also, and he praiseth her."

"I cannot say, and I will not say
That she is dead —She is just away!
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,
She has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since she lingers there.
So think of her faring on, as dear
In the love of there as the love of here;
Think of her still as the same, I say:
She is not dead — She is just away!"

Mrs. Florence Hendrick

Mrs. Florence Smith Hendrick, age 61 years, formerly of Hillsboro, Pocahontas county, died in the Fairmont General Hospital, on Tuesday, February 20, 1951, after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. E. Painter, in the Methodist Church, at Hillsboro, on February 23rd and burial was in the End of the Trail Cemetery.

The deceased is survived by five sons and three daughters: Lloyd, of Myrtle Creek, Oregon; Edgar, of Fort Bliss, Texas; Carl, of Fairmont; Warren, of Summersville; Glen, of Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Olive Swanson, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Elizabeth Bowyer, of Corsica, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Maxine Lonceford, of Fairmont; and thirteen grandchildren. The following sisters and brothers also survive: Mrs. E. E. McClung, of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Mrs. R. L. Cumby, of East Rainelle; Mrs. L. A. Taylor, of Renick; Mrs. C. N. Sheets, of Cass; Mrs. W. L. Kerns, of Akron, Ohio; J. C. Smith, of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Roy Smith, of Niles, Ohio.—West Virginia News

Avoided Potatoes

Devout Scottish folk avoided potatoes because they were not specifically mentioned in the Bible. Hunger in the 1740's helped them overlook their scruples.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

On Saturday, March 24, 1951
at 10 o'clock a. m.

I will sell at the home of Mary Hannah Carpenter, near Clover Lick, West Virginia, on the road between Stony Bottom and Clover Lick, the following—

4 cows
1 Berkshire sow
22 chickens
12 bee hives and bees
1 H t Point Refrigerator
5 shoulders and 2 hams of meat
1 lot of canned meat and fruit
Other things too numerous to mention

TERMS OF SALE—Cash on day of sale.

RICHARD F. CURRENCE,
Executor of the estate of
Mary Hannah Carpenter

NOTICE

To the creditors and beneficiaries of the estate of Mary Hannah Carpenter, deceased:

All persons having claims against the estate of said Mary Hannah Carpenter, deceased, and whether due or not, are notified to exhibit the same with voucher thereof legally verified, to the undersigned, at his office in the Town of Marlinton, on or before the 15th day of September, 1951, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

All beneficiaries of said estate are notified to be present on said day to protect their interests.

Given under my hand this 10th day of March, 1951.

J. E. Buckley,
Commissioner of Accounts,
County of Pocahontas, West Virginia.
feb 1-3t

Plant Clean Wheat

To avoid infection with stinking smut of wheat, only grain free from smut or seed treated before planting should be used.

Auction Sale

OF LIVE STOCK AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

on Saturday, March 17, 1951,
beginning at 1 p.m.

As I am preparing to move out of the State, I will at public auction at the Dunlap farm at Linnwood the following livestock and personal property—

Cow, Jersey-Hereford, 7 yrs milking
Cow, part Jersey, 6 yrs, fresh in March
Guernsey cow, 7 yrs, milking
Guernsey cow, 4 yrs, milking
Cow, Jersey-Ayrshire, 3 yrs, fresh Apr
Two Guernsey heifers, yearlings
Mare, 7 yrs, wt 1700lb, work anywhere
Black horse colt, year old in June
Bay mare colt, year old in June
Brood sow, OIC, 2 yrs old
Brood sow Hampshire, yearling
About 200 bu. corn, 50 to 75 bu wheat
10-15 bu. apples   A cream separator
Coal stove similar to Warm Morning
Small Heatrola stove   Kitchen cabinet
A baby bed   6 straight back chairs
Syrup pan, 50 galvanized syrup buckets
6 or 8 barrels, pitch forks, shovels
Cultivator, and many other items
Sugar Queen strawberry plants

TERMS—Cash on day of sale

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beginning at 10

the following—

1 grain drill
1 farm wagon
25 bushels ear corn,
2 stacks of hay

Following sale of above
sell my personal prop

Walnut organ, an antiqu
Six foot Norge Refrigera
Vass Washing machine, e
No. 12 DeLaval Separato
Victrola, spring wound,
Leather Davenport make
Pair bed springs, 2 mattr
A baby bed and mattress
2 heating stoves, 1 coal a
3 stand tables, 6 chairs,
Rubber tires, wheelbarro
A lot of dishes
A 30-30 rifle if not sold b

Terms—CASH

Lunch served by ladies of
of Huntersville.

BEULAH L. B
Administratrix of
Harry W. Buzza

Ruckman—Auctioneer

For Sale

Three male Cocker
two black, one black and
dy to go. $15.00 each.
Mrs. Denn
Ma
mar 8-3t

Notice

The ladies of Central
will have a Food Sale
Cakes, Pies, Salt Rising
and Cottage Cheese, a
Auto Store on
SATURDAY, MA
beginning at 10:3
Proceeds to help purcha
church.

Dental No

My office will be close
11 to 16, both dates inclu
Dr. C.
Ma
mar 8-2t

For Sal

Electric Range, late m
ly new;
Hillside turning plow,
tooth harrow; practical
cultivator.
Cra
Ma
mar 8-3t

Notice

I will be home Marc
farm. Anyone interest
then.
Rober
Ma
mar 8-3t

For Sal

Platform scales wh
500 lbs. Like new. A
J.
mar 8-3t

Notice

Notice is hereby give
nership heretofore ex

Although the Church is nearly
0 years old, yet it is in practi-
lly a perfect state of preserva-
on. The 12 x 12 stringers hew-
d by hand, are as sound as the
y they were placed there. The
or joists and other framing.
hich show signs of having been
wed on an up and down saw-
ill of yester-years, are good as
ew. About 1905 a new shingle
of was put on and in 1930 the
esent metal roof was laid. In
24 sheet rock finish was put in-
de the Church and a coal fur-
ace was installed. In 1933, a
ardwood floor was laid and with
e exception of paint, these con-
itute the major repairs. The first
ew flooring is being laid on the
rtico of the church--the old
ooring wasn't too bad, but a wa-
r tight surface was needed. The
rigidal seats, with partition
rough the center, that separat-
the male and female congrega-
ons of so long ago are still being
ed. It is my theory, that the
rly fathers undoubtedly believ-
in doing penace for their sins
ery time the seats were used,
dging from the way they are
ilt and the way they "sit." The
al furnace, new two years ago,
being converted to an oil bur-
er.

Baxter Presbyterian Church
as built and dedicated in 1858.
year later, August 1859 the
hurch was organized by order
the Greenbrier Presbytery by
ev. John C. Barr, with a mem
ership of 16. In its history,
ere is a long list of ministers
ho served the church for a time
d then went on to wider fields.
here is also a long list of mem-
rs who have gone away from
is little country village and
urch. Many of them have gain-
fame in both material and spir-
ual things. They can be num-
ered in practically every state in
e union, and even unto the ut-
rmost parts of the earth. The
esent membership is only about
and not all fully active, with
or 20 families, that support
e work regularly with their
esence and means. The growth
the Church has not been spec-
cular, but who can measure the
od influence and Christian teach
g that has gone out from it
ring its long history?

So, the Baxter Presbyterian
hurch still stands, clean and
hite against the sky-line, its
ire pointing heavenward and
e teaching and preaching with-
its walls pointing to all who
me to Jesus Christ. the Savior
the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Hannah
Mustoe, Highland County,
ent last Friday with Mrs. Amos
ooddell and other relatives and
ends here.

The Merry Wigglers Jr. held their regular 4-H Club meeting Feb. 22nd. The meeting was called to order by the president, Peggy Sheets. We sang the 4-H song, the 4-H Hymn, and said the 4-H pledge. The minutes of the last meeting were read and the roll was called. There were demonstrations and talks and old and new business discussed. We had the program and the meeting was adjourned.

Reporter.

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All beneficiaries of said estate are notified to be present on said day to protect their interests.

Given under my hand this 5th day of March, 1951.

Richard F. Currence
Commissioner of Accounts
for Pocahontas County,
West Virginia
mar 8-3t

NOTICE

To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the Estate of Mary P. Hevener, deceased:

All persons having claims against the Estate of the said Mary P. Hevener, deceased, and whether due or not, are notified to exhibit the same with voucher thereof legally verified, to the undersigned at his office in the Town of Marlinton, on or before the 5th day of September, 1951; otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

All beneficiaries of said estate are notified to be present on said day to protect their interests.

Given under my hand this 4th day of March, 1951.

J. E. Buckley,
Commissioner of Accounts for Pocahontas County, West Virginia. mar 8-3t

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Settling of Hawaii

Hawaii, which may someday be our 49th state, was originally settled by Polynesians, the romantic "South Sea Islanders," about 500 A.D. They brought to the uninhabited islands many of their own plants and animals, including hogs and poultry. Strange as it seems, the next emigration took place about 1300 years later, when a group of New Englanders landed there to settle and convert the natives to Christianity. In the century following 1819, many varied groups settled the bountiful islands, including Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Polynesians, Portuguese, Spanish, Americans, Germans, Puerto Ricans, Filipinos, and others.

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The friction of the clothes and the solvent as they are agitated in the washer is the cause of static electricity in dry cleaning. The solvent is a poor conductor of electricity, so electrical charges may accumulate until they reach quite a high voltage, and hazardous sparks may result. Serious fires have been started in this way. If the metal washing machine is connected by a wire to the ground such charges may leak away before they become dangerous. Sometimes commercial filter powders are added to the solvent, in order both to absorb the dirt from it, and to make it a better conductor, and thus help carry the charge away.

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ANDERSON'S HATCHERY
feb 22-6t Ravenswood, w. va.

For Sale

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Luther H. Shrader
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Bulldozer for Sale

Since the Greenbrier Valley Soil Conservation District is getting a new bulldozer, the District is offering for sale a used T D-9 International bulldozer in good condition. It may be seen at Marlinton.

Those interested in purchasing the dozer should contact the supervisors,

H. L. Stoke, Durbin, w. va.
Oley Jackson, Marlinton, w. va.
feb 22-3t

For Sale

One Farmall A Tractor with plow, mower, cultivator and hammer mill. Tractor and all equipment in excellent condition. Tractor has new tires. See me at the First National Bank, Marlinton, W. Va.

2-1-3t E. Clyde Bussard

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the lot now occupied by the Pocahontas County Memorial Hospital. In the three stories there were about 20 rooms. The Captain was getting ready for the railroad which had been surveyed down Knapps Creek and up Stony Creek.

About the year 1885, this hotel was sold to Mrs. Thomas Skiles, of Baltimore. She belonged to the distinguished Baldwin family.

Mr. Skiles had to do with the purchase and tending of the Baltimore and Ohio lands on Gauley River watershed; afterwards the Gauley Company, then the Cherry River Boom & Lumber Co The nephew of Mrs. Skiles, named Baldwin, played with my older brothers. He has recently died, the president of one of the big railroads of the west.

Mrs. Skiles said Marlins Bottom was not so nice a name as Marlinton, so she had the post office department to make the change. I remember hearing a hard boiled old reddenter say that a name which had stuck since 1751 might as well be retained. He did not make an issue of it, and so it was and is.

A painful recollection of this office was going for the mail one afternoon as a boy of six. The home instruction from a mother of high culture was to be polite and act the gentleman. The hotel porch—portico was the name then—was filled with remittance men from England and visitors and others from Baltimore. The style—the platform from which to mount a horse was on a level with the gate. At the style I politely took off my little old hat, held it in proper style in my left hand, marched through the gate

who came from Virginia. He kept office in the toll house, collected toll on bridge and road, and had a busy business as an expert blacksmith.

Then in President Cleveland's second term, Henry A. Yeager was postmaster, and the place was the room in the Staton building now occupied by Western Auto Store.

During McKinley's term, W. W. Tyree was postmaster, with the office in a building where the present post office is now.

During the terms of President Roosevelt and Taft, the postmasters were Senator N. C. McNeil and Albert S. Overholt. They kept office in the First National building.

During the Wilson Administration, Andrew Price was the postmaster. It was then delivery service was started.

In the twelve years of Harding Coolige and Hoover, the postmaster was J. E. Buckley. He was followed by Dr. E. G. Herold. After his death, for the past twelve years the postmaster has been Kerth Nottingham. In his tenure, the present Federal building was completed and occupied.

E. H. Williams and son attended the Atlantic Rural Exposition in Richmond, Va. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Beverage, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jordan and daughter, Edith Beverage, and Bill Rosencrance were Sunday callers on Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clark and Mrs. Ray McClure, of Spring Creek. They also visited

the roll call by repeating them. We thus learned many Bible verses.

My father, Andrew McLaughlin, being interested in the welfare of the community, invited preachers of different denominationf to hold services. I remember among them James E. Moore, and George P. Moore, local Methodist preachers; Wickline, Hedrick, Cantor, Ballengee and others, who were on Methodist circuits; old Brother Wilfong of the Brethren (Dunkard) also preached occasionally. Rev. D. S. Sydenstricker, D. D., Presbyterian, who was pastor at Hillsboro, supplied the pulpit in the schoolhouse once a month at four o'clock in the afternoon. It was in this schoolhouse that the Marlinton Presbyterian Church was organized.

Mr. Curry in June 1865, returned the records and deposited them at the house of Joel Hill. A month later they were taken to a vacant house belonging to Rev. Mitchell Dunlap, and there left until September, 1865, when the first court after the war convened, November, 1865, in the Methodist church at Hillsboro. From that time they were kept in the old Academy building until June 1866, when they were taken back to the county seat and deposited at the house of John B. Garey. More than five years had elapsed since their first removal for safety, and strange to relate, through all these various changes not a book or a paper was missing save one record book which was of no value to the county.

N. Moore of Glade Hill. Miss Emma Warwick her sister, taught the second and third sessions.

The winter of 1878-79 my father boarded me with Sherman Curry's father and mother in Huntersville, and I went to school to James Woods Warwick, a most excellent teacher. The first school was taught at Price Hollow, the winter of 1879-80. My father saw to it that the very best teachers possible were secured for that school. My father and mother offered them special inducements of inexpensive board in their home and I had the privilege of their cultural influence. No finer persons ever lived than the Warwick sisters.

George Baxter was county surveyor, Montgomery Matthews and Uriah Bird were county superintendents of schools. The sessions lasted only four months in the

This weeks Huntersville chapter is taken from books. The first paragraph was written some seventy years ago, for the Pocahontas County section of Hardesty's History of West Virginia.

The second paragraph is from "West Virginia and Her People" by Hu Maxwell and Thomas C. Miller.

The county seat is Huntersville, nestled down among the mountains, Alpine like, and beautiful for situation. This was made the seat of justice in 1921. It was here that John Bradshaw built his rude log cabin, and soon after the people of Bath county constructed a wagon road from the Warm Springs through the mountains to his house, and a man named John Harness began hauling goods from Staunton into these mountains for the purpose of trading with the settlers. He made Bradshaw's house his headquarters, and here he was met by hunters and trappers who brought him their pelts, venison and other products of the forest, to exchange for goods. From this the place was eventually known as Huntersville. It was established as a town by the legislature, December 18, 1822.

When the Rebellion broke out in 1861, William Curry was county and circuit clerk. Finding that the Federals were liable to invade the county, he took the records to a place of supposed safety—the residence of Joel Hill, on the Little Levels; here they

Mr. Sharp expects to work on resident foxes again.

News comes of an otter being seen in the fields near the Beard post office. Monk Small, of the same neighborhood, has had trapped muskrats eaten up by an otter or otters. Inquiring of a trapper as to his luck in taking minks this winter, he said there were no minks on his trapping section of Greenbrier River; that he had seen otter sign and no mink will stay where otters range.

This is the first report of otter on the Greenbrier that has come in for several years. These are interesting and valuable fur bearers. However, I have been backward about suggesting to the Conservation Commission that they buy a few pairs and turn them loose on watersheds in these parts.

We all had been out of beaver for about forty years, until a number of pairs were turned loose nearly twenty years since. With their dams to stagnate trout streams; cutting trees, and eating green corn, the beaver is proving considerable headache.

Nine dollar "skins" for college overcoats, helped to thin out our supply of raccoon. Then we asked that our woods be restocked with coons. That, with 50 cent coon skins, so over stocked the supply, it is a wonder that the nest of any grouse or turkey escapes destruction by our present over plus of night prowlers ... coons, skunks

things, including thirty cent whiskey, I presume this was the rice per gallon. In 1829 the le... price of whiskey was set by ...e court at 12 1-2 cent per pint. ...ores and bar rooms did rushing business and the horse and cattle ...arket would some times be live... Store profits up to four hun... ...ed percent were not unusual in ...untersville up to the 1840's. ...hen the building of the Staun...n & Parkersburg Turnpike, the ...untersville and Warm Springs ...ike and the Lewisburg and Hut...onsville Turnpike brought stores ...rapid succession at various oth... places in the county. While ...onopoly lasted until about 1845, ...untersville was a little place ...ith big ways.

The big fire occurred in 1852. ...uildings in the block between ...e Presbyterian church and the ...ourt House were burned. Gen...ral Frederick Burr, a veteran of ...apoleon's Armies, said the town ...oked like a coat with nothing ...t the tails left!

About ten years later Federal ...roops burned Huntersville again. ...hese were sent from Beverly. ...s soon as the troops left volun...ers came in from the woods and ...ved some of the town. Many ...f these fire fighters were women.

In 1842 a high school or aca...emy was established at Hunters...ille. It was a preparatory branch ...f the Univerfity of Virginia. ...ike schools were established at ...reen Bank and Hillsboro.

Up to that time the people gath...ed for public worship in the ...ourt House. Then services by ...l denominations were held in ...e academy building until the ...mpletion of the Presbyterian ...hurch in 1855.

The first evergreen Sunday ...chool in Pocahontas County was ...Huntersville in 1839. The min...ter was Dr. J. M. Harris. He ...d come here for his health from ...hat is now a great church in ...ew Orleans. He taught school ...well as preached. From here ...e went to Hampshire County to ...end the rest of his many days.

The first recorded notice of ...eaching service is in the diary ...Dr. S. B. Witt. He was here ...1823. On his first visit to ...untersville there was a dancing ...chool in progress. The dancing ...aster suspended at preaching ...me and took his scholars to hear ...e sermon. As soon as preach...g was over the dancing class re...sembled. Here is extract from ...e diary of Dr. Witt:

"September 18, 1824—Preached ...dy at Huntersville to a consid...able congregation. At this place ...ere is a dancing school just com

PERSONAL NOTES

A. W. Pennell and Earl Purkey were in from Baltimore over the weekend with home folks at Marlinton and Dunmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Richardson and daughters, Ann Golding and Jennie, are home from a vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Waugh left Thursday for Lutz, Florida, where they will spend a month.

Mrs. Lillian Zill, of Baltimore, spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Vaughan Fertig and her father, J. A. Mace, at Frost.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Diller and family have returned to their home at Rand, after visiting her father, Edgar B. Wooddell, who is a patient at the Pocahontas Memorial Hospital and other relatives here.

Robert Sharp visited Edward East in Roanoke, Virginia, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eskridge and daughter, Elizabeth, have returned to their home at Fayetteville, after being guests here of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Eskridge.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Curry were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waybright, and son of Beckley, and Mrs. Hazel Elcessor and daughter, of Staunton, Virginia. The Waybrights were accompanied home by Mrs. Hubert May, of Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mason and daughter, Ann Gay, visited relatives and attended to business matters in Charleston, last week.

Billy Evans, manager of the State Fish Hatchery, at Edray, was in Petersburg, on business a couple days last week.

Clarence Sheets has returned to his home at Green Bank from a business trip to Cincinnati. He also visited his brother-in-law, Rev Arch Pugh, in Ashland, Kentucky, who has been quite ill.

Elmer Taylor, who is employed at Columbus, Ohio, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor, of the Hamilton Addition.

The Southern States Marlinton Cooperative will be represented by Charles J. Sharp in the Conference to be held at the Waldo Hotel in Clarksburg on Thursday and Friday of this week. This is the sixth of the nine conferences held in the operating territory of Southern States in Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware.

Then there came up a thunder storm and all of us including old Tom DePriest, the hound dog, my colored man and myself took refuge under a leaning shelter ing tree. Pretty soon my colored man, my dog and I, not being able to stand the odor of ramps on old Tom, left him and hunted a new tree nearby. Then in a few moments the colored man and my dog left me and stood out in the rain. I have not eaten any ramps since.

Tom.

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Bath County, Virginia.

school and Hillsboro Grade school will present the pupils of Miss Dolinger in a student voice and piano recital on Friday, February 2nd, at 8 o'clock p. m., in the school auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Lewisburg—Among the Grade A Pasteurizing Milk Plants in the Greenbrier Valley is the Locust Hill Dairy at Marlinton. Among the Grade A Raw Milk Retail Dairies is the Winterburn Dairy at Bartow. This announcement is made by sanitarians for Public Health District No. 2.

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jan 25-3t

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To the creditors and beneficiaries of the Estate of Bertie E. Puffenbarger, deceased:

All persons having claims against the Estate of the said Bertie E. Puffenbarger, deceased, and whether due or not, are notified to exhibit the same with voucher thereof legally verified to the undersigned at his office in the Town of Marlinton, on or before the 27th dayof July, 1951; otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

All beneficiaries of said estate are notified to be present on said day to protect their interests.

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Richard F. Currence,
Commissioner of Accounts
for Pocahontas County,
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Contestants for Miss Pocahontas 1971

Thursday, July 8, 8 p. m., at P. C. H. S.

...Lou Bowyer, Green ...aughter of Mr. and ...mar Bowyer. Spon... ...y Mary Rebekah ...No. 109, Green Bank

Susan Chappell, Hillsboro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Chappell. Sponsored by Marlinton Lions Club.

Renae Crist, Arbovale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crist, sponsored by Durbin Lions Club.

Deborah (Debbie) Crawford, Marlinton, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Maynard Crawford. Sponsored by Marlinton Woman's Club.

...ie Sue Dilley, Hunt... ...daughter of Mr. ...rs. Everette Dilley. ...ed by Marlinton ...Department, Ladies' ...y.

Donna Rae Dunbrack, Marlinton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dunbrack. Sponsored by Pocahontas County Historical Society.

Nina Marie Fowler, Hillsboro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Fowler. Sponsored by Hillsboro Fire Department and Firemenettes.

Linda Lou Landis, Marlinton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Damon Landis. Sponsored by Swago Home Demonstration Club.

IN RE: 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY

We, the members of this 1971 County Court of Pocahontas County, do recognize that the year 1971 is the 150th anniversary of the formation of Pocahontas County and we hereby proclaim this year to be celebrated as the Sesqui-Centennial year of Pocahontas County. In view of the fact that PIONEER DAYS is historically centered and will this year feature the village of Huntersville, which was the first County seat and site of the meeting of the first County Court, we hereby take notice of this celebration July 8-11, 1971, and urge the cooperation of all residents of the County in making this celebration a success.

Fred C. Burns, Sr., President of the Court
Harry J. Widney and Richard I. McNeel, Members
Alfred McNeel, Clerk

Visit this jail at Huntersville with the nail studded door, unusual floor, etc., on Huntersville Tours Friday and Sunday afternoons of Pioneer Days.

CHAPTER 27.—An act forming a new county out of parts of the co... Pendleton and Randolph.

[Passed December 21, 1821.]

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly*, That a... of the counties of Bath, Pendleton and Randolph... within the following bounds, to wit: beginning at... Greenbrier county on the top of the Allegheny mount... with the said line to the head of Spice Run; thence... line to the end of the Droop mountain; thence with... Fryer's Knob; thence with said line to where it in... line of Bath and Randolph; thence with the line di... dolph and Greenbrier counties to the mountain opposi... ...of the Bonnock Shoal Run with William's river... straight line to the mouth of the Dry Fork of Elk riv... a straight line to the top of the mountain between t... ...Valley river and the point last aforesaid, whe... ...ding from Clover Lick to Randolph court-house c... mountain; thence a straight line to where the line of... county intersects the line of Bath and Randolph coun... top of the mountain between Cheat and Greenbrier rive... with the top of the said mountain to where the road le... ...aven's to Randolph court-house crosses it; thenc... line to the top of the Allegheny mountain opposite... the east fork of Greenbrier river; thence with the... mountain to the Pendleton line, and thence with the... mountain to the beginning, shall form one distinct and n... and be called and known by the name of Pocahontas c...

2. A court for the said county of Pocahontas shall... the justices thereof on the first Tuesday in every mon... ...takes place, in like manner as is provided by la... ...ounties, and shall be by their commissions directed.

3. And, in order the more impartially and correctl... ...in the most proper place for holding courts, and e... public buildings for the said county of Pocahontas,... McNeal, John Baxter, James Tallman, John Jordan, J... ...ick and John Bradshaw, gentlemen, shall be, and they... appointed commissioners, a majority of whom may a... purpose aforesaid, whose duty it shall be, after having... ...services hereby required, to make report thereof t... ...the said county of Pocahontas, whereupon they sh... ...the necessary public buildings, at the place... ...the said commissioners, or a majority of them,... completed, shall be the permanent ... the said county. The said commissioners shall be al... the sum of three dollars per day, as a compensation fo... hereby imposed on them, to be paid out of the lev... lected in the said county.

4. The justices to be named in the commission o... for the said county of Pocahontas, shall meet at t... John Bradshaw in the said county, upon the first cou... the said county takes place, and having administered t... office to, and taken bonds of the sheriff according to l... to appoint and qualify a clerk; and, until the neces... buildings are completed, at the place pointed out by t... sioners, or a majority of them, to appoint such place... county, for holding courts, as they may think proper... *always*, That the appointment of a clerk, and a temp... for holding courts, shall not be made, unless a maj... justices of the said county be present...

copy of the records in the Greenbrier County Court House. This date may be incorrect however, as Rev. John Alderson the officiating minister reported it as "March 16, 1781", in his list of marriages published in the Virginia Historical Magazine. Do you have anything on this family?

Whether or not the old Welsh Bible is returned to Pocahontas I should like very much to have a photostatic or photographic copy of any hand written records which it may contain, and if you can locate the Bible and obtain such copys for me I should be most obliged to you. Also, will you give me such information as you can about your own parents, and their children and grandchildren, following the outline in paragraph three above!

By way of identifying myself, I am the oldest grandchild of John Henry McNeel and Melcina Smythe Rodgers by their daughter Mary Austin McNeel and her husband, Charles William Handley of Lewisburg. I attended W & L and John Hopkins; had post graduate training at Baltimore City Hospitals, Hopkins and the University Hospital in Philadelphia; was a District Physician in the Panama Canal Zone for three years; pediatrician with a county health department in Tenn., and later medical director of Field Service in the Tennessee State Health Dept.; and since 1932 on the executive staff of the Commonwealth Fund, a large philanthropic organization with offices in New York City. I am married and have two children, both boys, the younger a senior in high school. I attained the age of 54 on July 3, 1950.

I am sure you must know my mother's first cousins, Lida and Moffett McNeel at Hillsboro. I and my wife called on Lida and her mother when we were in Greenbrier in August, and I made the acquaintance for the first time of my great-aunt Lydia Ann and her husband James R. Sydenstricker who for about forty years lived in Western Wyoming and returning only recently to Pocahontas.

If you know of other members

and is now a junior at Concord where he is vice president of the Student Government Association, secretary of Delta Delta Delta Tau social fraternity, president of the English majors club, and news editor of the Concordian.

Mrs. O. W. Kellison of Covington, spent last week with relatives at Marlinton and Buckeye.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kellison and daughters Linda and Sue, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kellison of Buckeye.

Sgt. Guy M. Kellison of Andrews Airforce Base, Washington D. C., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kellison.

Norman Alderman and Ernest Ramsey are home from New York State, where they visited Lawrence Alderman.

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Mrs. K. D. Swecker wishes to thus express their gratitude to their many friends who were so kind to them during their recedt bereavement.

Uncle Sam Says

Regardless of whether you approve the new look in fashion, every one of my nieces and nephews certainly is in the style with the new look in security. How can you acquire this kind of look? There are two great automatic plans, both sure and convenient: 1. If you work for wages or salary—join the Pay-Roll Savings Plan for buying United States Savings Bonds regularly. This is the only installment bond buying plan. 2. If you're in business

wasn't very successful, but Raymond had the unpleasant experience of being attacked by a wild cat in the day time while hunting. He was seated on a log on Horseback Ridge waiting for a squirrel to come up when he was hit by a mighty force that knocked him off the log. He jumped thinking it was a younger brother that was out with him trying to scare him, to look in the face of a big wild cat crouched for another spring. He emptied his gun at it and it took off in one direction and Raymond in the other. On checking up later he found plenty of hairs where the wild cat was but he wasn't sure if it was bit or not. His leather jacket was full of claw marks from the claws of the cat.

I have heard of people being attacked by cats before, but this is the first time I have heard of them being jumped in broad daylight. There are several wild cats back in that section and on Honey Comb Ridge where they have a den and with the deer law so strict there are few hounds chase there to get them. Their tracks are seen in the snow most any time in winter right near the houses.

John F. Scott.

Last week Roy Bird of Big Back Creek, arose to inquire if there was a Buckwheat Dropper yet in existence in these parts. It was a new name to me for a buckwheat reaper. I put the notice n the paper. This is only Friday, but two citizens have been in to report. The first was Grover Taylor of Green Bank. He said his neighbor Roger Sheets had a buckwheat dropper; that he and Pinckney Doyle had harvested their crop with it this year. They had hitched a tractor to it.

Mr. Taylor had no sooner gone than Frank Morrison, of Lobelia, came in to say that his neighbor, Don Ryder had a buckwheat dropper in good condition. He had harvested a crop with it this season

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CALVIN W. PRICE, EDITOR

THURSDAY, FEB. 1, 1951

Some time ago, word was sent in by an intelligent young reader to write a chapter on Huntersville. I kept waiting for a convenient season. So the chore has been neglected. I will try my hand now.

To begin with, prior to the formation of Pocahontas in 1821 from parts of Bath, Highland, Pendleton, Greenbrier and Randolph counties, for many years Huntersville had been a trading centre. Tradesmen and merchants from east of the mountains to meet hunters, traders and trappers and barter store goods and supplies for fur skins and other proceeds of the chase.

The suggestion, for apparent historical reasons, was that the name of the County seat of the new county of Pocahontas should be Smithville, in honor of Captain John Smith, whose life Princess Pocahontas had saved. However, the name Huntersville was strenuously insisted upon by the leading citizen, John Bradshaw, and his friends. This was a special compliment to the hunters who swarmed there during trading season and to whom the place owed much for its prosperity.

A word about the prominent citizen, John Bradshaw. He was a Revolutionary War veteran and a man of great wealth for his time. The wonder of his day was how he could accumulate so much and the gossipy guess was he had hit the pay off number of the big lotteries held regularly in those now distant days. I have always thought of John Bradshaw as the good business man of big affairs. The name is gone but his blood remains in many descendants of the first families of this Valley. His home was on Browns Creek, at the Wilfong place, where Browns Mountain road turns off.

For many, many years, Huntersville was the principal trading place of the entire county. Each month people would attend upon County courts. Once a year the

ment in the hands of the Almighty of bringing them to the knowledge of truth."

About sixty years ago Huntersville lost its chance for being the last Virginia boom town. The wonderfully fine town site there was not for sale; Marlins Bottom was. The county seat was moved six miles down Knapps Creek to the banks of Greenbrier River. The coming of the railroad eight years later quieted any feeling that the moving had stirred.

There is much to write of Huntersville but room for this chapter is shrinking. Maybe I will get going on it again soon. The name is known to science by reason of the Huntersville Chert. This is a hard, quartz-like, glass like stone which cracks up in small pieces. In former years Huntersville chert was considered excellent road material. It was put direct from the beds on the roads and there was enough lime, clay, sand and what not to bind it into good water bound macadam. Those were the days of good honest metal tires which pounded down; the modern rubber tire picks up.

Then there are the folded rocks —the Huntersville anticline. I have been told this is one of the finest outcrops of folding rock to be found anywhere. The picture in my geology book is of an anticline in Sweden. So far as my prejudiced eye is a judge, the Huntersville anticline is the finer one.

Well, let's wind up this installment with a field note. Since 1778, when Valentine and Mary Frye Cackley moved from Winchester to Millpoint, those of Cackley blood have been prominent people of our valley. About a century and a quarter ago William, son of Valentine, moved from the Ruckman place near Millpoint to a farm at Huntersville on Cummings Creek or Little Back Creek. He was to engage in farming and merchandising and holding public office for many years. His wife, Mrs. Jennie Gay Cackley, had a large flock of pigeons. She was so tired of the big eaters, that when they sold their Millpoint farm, she decided to leave the pigeons for the purchaser, David L. Ruckman. By road to

My dear Calvin:

I have just read with much interest your account of your Highland trip where you told the folks something of the Cranberry Glades. This reminds me of an unfinished story of the Bogs that I wanted you to have.

Some years ago, by special appointment with you, I took a very distinguished party of friends over to Marlinton, where you joined us and made the trip to Cranberry Bogs. Incidently, I want to say that we had with us on that trip, Mrs. Henry, of Philadelphia, who is probably the world's authority on wild flowers. This trip through the Bogs with you and your knowledge of how it was formed, the plant life and everything made it wonderfully interesting.

When we came back out of the Bogs to the road one of the ladies exclaimed what beautiful trillums were on a little rise just above us, at which time all of us climbed up to see the wild flowers. You reached down and pulled up something and asked if I knew what it was. I did not and you told me it was a "ramp" and that I should have some of them growing on my preserve. I borrowed two feed sacks from the chief engineer of the Government Reservation and in a very small space got enough ramps to fill the two bags and brought same home with me and the next day had several of my men setting out ramps on different areas. Had some ramps left over and they were on my back porch the next day when one of my tenants came in to see me. This man was raised over in the Richwood country and I asked him if he knew what they were and he immediately said, "Yes, I do—them is ramps." "Are they any good to eat?" I asked. "Best thing you ever et." "Do you know how to cook them Tom?" "Yes sir, you can either 'cookem' or 'eatum' raw." "Well Tom, I want you to eat lunch with me and we will eat ramps—both cooked and raw—and then I want you to go down in Kincaid gorge with me to clear off a view-point of the river and you can go on home from there."

lay in the fact that General Loring had higher rank in the United States Army than General Lee, and at the beginning he outranked him in the Confederate Army. For ten days or so, General Lee camped at Huntersville and daily conferred with General Loring. Some how or other I have the impression that many of these conferences were held at General Loring's head quarters at Riders Gap. Anyway, things seemed to get straightened out between the Generals. However, Loring never made much of a name for himself as a Confederate leader. Fifteen years later, he was buried in the desert sands of Africa. He lost his life in the war between Egypt and Ethiopia. He was Commander-in-chief of the Egyptian Army.

On July 20, General Lee assigned General Loring to the command of the Northwestern Army. He was to prevent the advance of the enemy from Huttonsville and

wife, Mrs. Odessa Jordan Sharp and five children, Dr. Rolland Sharp, Mrs. Martha Lou Hoover, Mrs. Georgia Sharp, Gordon and Richard.

The deceased was a son of the late Abraham and Ella Sharp. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Defibaugh and Mrs. P. D. Moore; two brothers, John and Holmes Sharp.

Mr. Sharp was one of our best and prominent citizens. He taught school for a number of years. He also served the public as a Justice of the Peace and member of the Board of Education.

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C. C. Dunsmore

Clarence C. Dunsmore, of Milton, aged 72 years, died Thursday, February 8, 1951, in a Hunt-

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THURSDAY, FEB. 15, 1951

Here is another chapter on Huntersville.

In some old records, Riders Gap is referred to as the Northwest Passage. This is the low place in the main ridge of Alleghany Mountains. I have heard say this is the low place in this range for a thousand miles.

George Washington set store by the Northwest Passage for its military importance. So, for a century and a half, we have had the expression in common use—Fortify the Alleghanies.

If the worst did come and an invading army was succesful in over running the eastern tide-water lowlands and the Great American Valley stretching from New York State to the Mississippi Delta,—why the Alleghany was the bulwark. Such passes as the Frost and Rider Gaps and the passage of New River were places to be fortified and held.

Let me go aside to say there appears always to have been two schools of military strategy for the defense of our country—those who would fortify the Alleghanies and there repel invading forces; those who advocate a policy of military preparedness to hold mad dog nations in check, or close to their own boundaries when and if they do run wild. The expensive but worse than useless French Marginot Line was sad example of Fortifying the Alleghanies. In the present cris's Taft and Hoover would fortify the Alleghanies, while Eisenhower would go and get the criminal communists before they come here for to get us.

In 1848, a truly great man in a speech in Congress in favor of a volunteer army and opposed to a standing army, stressed Fortifying the Alleghanies.

After that long drawn out preamble, let it be said that on the outbreak of the War between the States, the Union forces left the railhead at Grafton, headed

However, Captain Gammon and his Pocahontas Rescues will take their place as well as infantry can.

The Mr. Skeen referred to, had his home where Sherman P. Curry now lives. He was an attorney. After the war he moved to Covington and later served as Attorney General of Virginia.

On January 3, 1862, Major George Webster with 700 troops marched from Beverly on to Huntersville, which was held by 250 Confederates. The town was taken, much of it burned and about $30,000 worth of army stores destroyed.

In June 1865, Colonel Wesley Owens, of the Union Army left Clarksburg, with 400 men, to come to Pocahontas and Pendleton Counties in search of Governor William Smith of Virginia, who had never surrendered. He was supposed to be hiding out in these mountains. Colonel Evans did not find the Governor. He did collect some government property, mostly horses.

On a Sunday morning early in June, 1865, Dr. M. D. Dunlap and my father, Dr. William T. Price were conducting the first Sacramental Service to be held in Huntersville after the war. A detachment of Col. Owens troops passed through town, rode around the Church, looked in at the broken windows, examined the horses with critical eyes. The service continued without pause. Ser-

taken it away as a branded horse." During Averill's retreat through the Levels, this horse had been abandoned as worn out. Dr. Dunlap had taken it up and put it in good condition. The venerable minister had to borrow a horse to return to his home at Hillsboro.

In his report on this tour of service, Colonel Evans says there are only two families living in Huntersville, as of June, 1865. He further states the Confederate soldiers are home in numbers and are hard at work with the limited means in hand to get in a corn crop.

A. T. White was over to Roanoke last week at a two day farm service conference for employees of the Southern States cooperatives. The idea was to give better understanding of the cooperative and the supplies it furnishes patrons. There was also presented Southern states sponsored $20,000 essay contest, open to boys and girls under 18 years in West Virginia and other States it operates in. The first prize will be a $2,000 college scholarship. The conference ended with a big banquet.

Columbus, Ohio—Among the 439 students of Ohio State University achieving high scholastic attainments is Miss Mary Dare Hedrick, of Green Bank, Pocahontas.

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nel instructed the adjutant to have the regiment formed. The colonel and staff would then disappear and retire to headquarters.

In the meantime the loud orders of the captains were heard for their men to fall into ranks, and when formed the adjutant placed them in position and then reported to the colonel that all was in readiness. The colonel and staff reappeared at the head of the regiment. Three beautiful silken flags were put in charge of the color guard. The rear rank of the regiment fell back a few paces in open order. A procession formed of the colonel's staff and color guard, preceded by the band reviewed the regiment, stationed the flags, and returned to the head of the regiment.

In stentorian tones the order was given to close ranks and form a column of twos, and soon the whole regiment would be on the march to a neighboring field selected for the evolutions. The field just west of the town was frequently selected, and the one back of the court house was sometimes used. Two or three hours would be passed in the evolutions. The bugle would sound the retreat, the drum and fife take up "Bonaparte's retreat from Moscow," and the whole column would prepare to leave the field and fall back on Huntersville in slow and regular order. Having formed in open order on the street the colonel and staff, preceded by the music, had another procession to collect the flags. The color guard was led to the head of the column, the colonel dismounted, received the flags one by one, and each was saluted by the roll of the drum and placed away for safe keeping.

After this the regiment was disbanded, and then came the funny scenes that would require a graphic pen to describe with due justice. Cakes, beer, and something stronger were now in profuse requisition.

The sun would sometimes go down leaving a large crowd enjoying the hilarity of the occasion, seemingly sorry that muster day did not last a week at least. "Tomorrow is Sunday, and there is no use in being in a hurry to get home. Let us go it while we have

leaving none for grouse and turkeys. They also visit every dogwood and thornapple bush and eat the berries as they fall. Here in Pennsylvania on lands identical to Thorny Creek and Browns Mountain deer have almost exterminated teaberries. They feed on them so heavy that now one has to hunt to find these plants. On these same areas where fences have been built to exclude deer teaberries are as abundant as you now find them in Pocahontas County. The latter plants are staple winter foods for turkeys and grouse. When deer "eat out" a forest small game also becomes very scarce.

Your Conservation Commission is aware of your deer problems in West Virginia. They will be only too willing to help you solve your problem. West Virginia now has one of the best conservation commissions in the country. You should be very proud of their excellent program. I speak as a native son of Pocahontas County with all sincerity. This is my reason for alerting you to the problems of an over population of deer in certain areas in the County. Do not let the deer herd become a detriment to a forest before attempts are taken to reduce the populations.

Ward M. Sharp, Leader Pennsylvania Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit,
Pennsylvania State College,
State College, Pennsylvania.

Cows for Sale

Will sell your pick of six fresh Jersey-Guernsey cows, or you take all. Also four heavy springers, Jersey heifers.

Olet Mullenax
feb 15-3t Bartow, w. va.

For Sale

One ABC washing machine with electric pump, in good condition;

One GE refrigerater, with new unit.

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Grover C. McLaughlin
feb 15-3t Cass, w. va.

For Sale

2 3-4 acres, with 5-room house; barn, etc., located in the Hills, two miles from Frost. Well watered, good

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Just a line or so to say that elleber is the local name for the American or swamp hellebore. Other names are Indian poke or itch weed. The book says it is frequent in damp grounds from Canada to Carolina. It has the same poisonous properties as the white hellebore of Europe. It is a very acrid and active poison. Its powder is used to destroy lice and kill caterpillars; also, in ointment for itch and ring worm. Caution is necessary in handling the powder, as unpleasant effects ensue from getting it in nose and eyes.

White hellebore and black hellebore are two very different plants.

Friend Fred Galford reports from Williams River that this old time winter has been a good one for the bears. They kept frozen up most of the time.

Mr. Galford further says he has seen lots of wild cats tracks this winter and some big ones. As for fox tracks there are more than he ever saw before. He saw where they had caught three gray squirrels and two grouse. He saw where foxes had even dug up thorn berries to eat. Anything to live on. If foxes continue to increase, there will be no small game to hunt.

Mr. Galford says this old time winter forecasts a good crop year and lots of mast. The sleet and wet snows have pruned the trees pretty well. This gets worms and other insect pests to freeze and perish on the ground.

Glenn Moore of the Jerico Road, marked Valentine Day by bagging a nice big ground hog, which his dog had treed. The animal was in good flesh, but carried little extra fat.

The West Virginia News reports the following Pocahontas county citizens in the Greenbrier Valley Hospital for treatment—G. C. Moore, Mrs. Lela Moore Mrs. Mary Varner, Porter Moore all of Cass; Mrs. Mabel Wilfong, of Bartow.

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CALVIN W. PRICE, EDITOR

THURSDAY, FEB. 22, 1951

Important Notice

If the Pocahontas Times comes up missing some week at your home, the sign is you are behind on subscription. Commercial credit standing and trust and confidence has nothing to do with it. The matter is postal rules and regulations. A most valuable—in fact, indispensable—asset to the country newspaper is the privilege of cheap postage under second class postage permit. One of the regulations is that credit be not extended unduly and indefinitely on subscription accounts. Naturally, our desire is to comply to the letter with all postal regulations. This is especially true when the penalty for non-compliance may be the forfeiture of the privilege of a cheap rate of postage.

Here is another chapter on Huntersville, and the subject matter is Muster Day. I take it from the writings of my father, the late Dr. W. T. Price:

The more notable days in the history of Huntersville and of the county citizenship, were the trainings and the general muster that would follow. For several years after the organization of the 127th Regiment the Brigade Inspector was Major John Alexander, of Lexington. He would bring his drummer and fifer with him, two likely colored men uniformed in scarlet like British soldiers, and were the admiration and envy of all the colored people. Some of the black boys would say that they desired no better heaven than be musicians and wear such red clothes,

When the militia regulations were modified, the colonel of the regiment would train the officers for about three consecutive days before the regimental muster.

cahontas County, has been engaged in the study of game species since 1935. During hunting trips to Pocahontas during 1949 and 1950 it has been noted that the deer herd in that part of the county east of the Greenbrier River to the Virginia line from Dunmore to Beaver Creek has been increasing rapidly. If this condition is not controlled, this area within five years, will be similar to our deer populations we have here in Pennsylvania. The increase in deer has almost doubled their numbers in 1950 over that of 1949 on the above area.

Within the next five years it is a safe prediction that the plants on the forest floor will be literally grazed out. When this happens the deer present become runted, develop small antlers and in order to stave off starvation descend upon the farmer's crops and inflict considerable damage. It is found here that deer reduce the wheat crop, for example, by 50 per cent in yield per acre by heavy grazing during April and May.

At the present time many who read this article will feel that we still have plenty of feed in Thorny Creek or Browns Mountains. At present you do. I have seen too many cases of this sort that within five years we find the forests grazed out completely. When this time comes the only remedy is to reduce the deer herd drastically. This sportsmen often fail to follow or permit such action. Furthermore the forests have been seriously damaged and recovery is slow.

I, as one who has pursued wild life management as a life's work, can see the "writing on the wall", of what the future holds for this part of Pocahontas County. The step to take is now and not five years from now. There should be an all deer season, doe and bucks, for two days during the fall of 1951 to reduce this herd. A two-day season with permits to remove 300 deer from this area will be a life saver for your deer herd in the near future.

No sane sheep grower will refuse to sell his lambs from year to year. If he should in a few years he would have so many sheep that he would not have feed

The other night a fox came right into the yard of G. W. Kellison on Beard Heights. At the farm of Levi Baxter on Jerico Road a gray fox was seen at the barn in the mid afternoon.

The other snowy morning Alva Moore saw the track of a ruffed grouse at his barn. The bird had come from Jerico Flat and was heading up Bucks Mountain.

One morning last week, George Kellison came to town good and early. In the dark gray light of dawn he saw a medium sized raccoon on the side walk at the Presbyterian Church. Some weeks ago, Game Protector John Casto, saw this coon go under the Times Office early one morning.

These panther tales going the rounds, reminded Charles J. and Lanty Sharp of a panther experience of some forty years ago. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warwick Sharp, were living on Williams River, not far from the present home of Fred Galford. Mr. Sharp had a timber cutting contract with the Campbell Lumber Company,

The late W. H. Shearer had cut the hay on the meadows and wintered a herd of cows around the hay stacks. These were Tuckahoe cows, and when the elleber leaves showed up in the spring as the first green things, they ate greedily of the deadly poison plants. Every single one perished miserably.

A big panther was not long in finding this free meal ticket, and night after night he came regularly to feed on the carcasses. Each morning, right at four o'clock the big varment would head back toward Big and Little Spruce Knobs by way of Lost Knob and Days Run. He advertised his going with blood curdling screams. The Sharp brothers still recall how nerves would tingle and hairs raise at the horrible cries.

There were two fine black and tan hunting hounds at the Sharp home. They were night hunters from a long line of night hunters, and experienced bear fighters too. They showed no interest in the

there was night riding from Marlins Bottom to Dunmore and intermediate points and from Browns and Michael Mountains to Greenbrier River.

The survey got started and satisfactory progress was made. The end of a day's run was at the fording of Thorny Creek at Dilleys Mill, where the concrete bridge and beaver dam are now. I have always understood they were running the line backward to the beginning corner.

Early on Monday morning, the surveying crew were gathered around for a good day of retracking the then century old lines. The head surveyor was adjusting his compass on its Jacob Staff. The sharp report of a rifle rang out from a wooded hillside. The instrument just blew in pieces—glass shattered and metal torn by the leaden bullet---as the man was adjusting his plumb bob.

The men did not stand on their going for there was a lot more shooting from the mountain side. They ran through the creek---no foot log for persons, in a hurry. Rifle bullets splashed water on either side of the fleeing men. I never was told for sure, but was given to understand the honor for the shot at the compass went to preacher Wellington Hogsett or the then young Jasper Dilley.

The surveyor got in his buggy, whipped his horses to a run, and kept going until he crossed the State line at Rider Gap. He never did come back to this side of the Alleghanies.

Now here is where the notorious General Ben Butler comes into the scene. Owners of those old land grant titles much preferred to work under cover in checking public records, to get the lay of the land and the owners and acreages of tracts under fence on the boundary. So, when the County Court of Pocahontas County advertised for contractors to bid on a new jail, General Butler had men to come with bids low enough to get the contract. He put up the bond for faithful compliance. The contractors appeared to be more interested in land title research than in building the jail. The

oath was done away with.

Attorney Stover was known and beloved as Count Stover by reason of never failing courtesy and courtly manner to rich and poor, young and old, black and white. I have ever intended taking this subject up with the Eisenhower boys to see if they have any family tradition of this their great-great uncle or something. He, indeed, a doughty warrior in his own right.

To get back to a less pleasant subject, the carpet bagger judge. A lynching party was once in all readiness at Greenbrier Bridge to wait on Judge Harrison. He was expected to come by Marlins Bottom on his return from a court term at Huntersville. Somehow or other, he changed his route of travel and went to his home in Union by way of Beaver Creek, Little Creek and White Sulphur Springs. Thus our County was saved from the sin and disgrace of lynching.

About that time the Clerk of the Court at Lewisburg threw the Presiding Judge through a court house window. Soon after this the Valley knew Judge Nat Harrison no more. About the turn of the century, word came that he had died at a poor house out in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Kenney Wade and F. G. Wade, of Seebert, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Wade, at Lewisburg, the week end of January 27th.

A. T. White, of the Marlinton Southern States Co op. is attending the Farm Service Conference for personnel at Roanoke on Wednesday and Thursday. This is the eighth of the nine conferences scheduled throughout the operating territory in Kentucky, West Virginia, Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware.

Judge Lemuel F. Smith, of Charlottesville, Virginia, has been named by Governor Battle for a place on the Supreme Court of Virginia. This is a well deserved honor, and the friends of the Smith family in Pocahontas hear of it with pleasure. The Judge

Deeds

January 18 to Feb. 1st.

Nellie Wilfong to J. B. Poindexter and Lonnie Harless, 40 poles and 30 acres at the mouth of Beaver Creek, Little Levels district.

Agreement between Bettie Hulver and others and Hope Natural Gas Company, for oil and gas lease, 185 acres on East Fork of Greenbrier River, Green Bank District.

Oren Waugh to Clark Brumagin, 20 acres on Kee Flat, near Marlinton.

C. G. Malcomb to Alan W. Souder, former Manse property in Marlinton.

S. H. Sharp to Argile C. Arbogast, lots 11 and 12 in block 35, Marlinton.

Town of Marlinton to G. R. and Margaret C. Gay, lot in Mt. View Cemetery.

A. D. McCoy and others to Burrell Arbogast, 4 acres on Beaver Creek, near Mill Point.

Mattie Alexander and others to State Road Commission, right of way near Minnehaha.

Elva Grace Lockridge to State Road Commission, right of way at Minnehaha Springs.

Mamie White Kullman to State Road Commission right of way on Douthards Creek.

Everett Shinaberry to State Road Commission, right of way at Minnehaha.

Arlie B. White to State Road Commission, right of way on Douthards Creek.

Deeds to the State Road Commission for rights of way on the Durbin to Bartow back road from Harry C. Borner, Eldridge Young Harry Simmons, Cecil Rexrode, Boyd H. Beverage.

M. C. Dilley to Lanty J. Sharp parts of lots 11 and 12 in Block 2, at Campbelltown.

S. H. Sharp to Harry R. Smith 328 acres on Rush Run, near Buckeye.

Thomas C. Edgar to Bessie M. Workman lots 1 and 2, Edgar

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The McNeel Relations

The following letter is from Dr Harry E. Handley, of White Plains, New York, to Dr. John O. McNeel, of Seattle, Washington. It is of particular interest to a large relationship, and should be of general interest to us all.

Dear Doctor McNeel:

I have just seen the printed copy of your letter of September 24, which appeared in the Pocahontas Times. As another of the numerous descendants of Martha Davis and John McNeel, I would like to add my approval to your suggestion concerning the preservation of the old Welsh Bible.

Some twenty-five or more years ago I conceived the idea of trying to assemble a few facts about each of the descendants of Martha and John. In the early thirties your uncle Summers gave me a copy of the list he had compiled and six or eight years ago while in Oklahoma I met and talked at length with Mrs. Georgina Dunlap Arnold who had assisted in compiling the material published in 1938 by Col. T. S. Wallace of Huntington, W. Va. From these and other sources I have brought together some fifty or more typed pages of material and have enough additional in note form to make a small book. However, the record of even the few simple facts I think essential is still far from complete, and it occurred to me that because of your evident interest in the old Bible you might be willing to assist me in completing some of the records.

Briefly, for each decendant of the Pioneers I am trying to record the full name; dates of birth, death and marriage (if married); names and dates for marital partners; full names of parents of marital partners; principal places of residence of each individual whose record is given; and primary interests and occupations of each individual; as well as the full names and dates for each child born to a descendant of the Pioneers.

The information I have thus far compiled indicates that the Pioneers had five children who

A Boy

(Clipped from some publication and sent in by Floyd Viers; for dedication to the boys of Pocahontas County.):

After a male has grown out of long dresses and triangles, and has acquired pants, freckles and so much dirt that relatives don't care to kiss it between meals, it becomes a boy.

A boy is Nature's answer to the false belief that there is no such thing as perpetual motion. A boy can run like a deer, swim like a fish, climb like a squirrel, balk like a mule, bellow like a bull, eat like a pig, or act like a jackass, according to climatic conditions.

The world is so full of boys that it's impossible to touch off a fire-cracker, strike up a band, or pitch a ball without collecting a thousand of them. Boys are not ornamental; they're useful. If it were not for boys, the newspaper would go undelivered and a hundred thousand picture shows would go bankrupt.

The boy is a natural spectator; he watches parades; fires, fights football games, automobiles and planes with equal fervor. However, he will not watch a clock.

A boy is a piece of skin stretched over an appetite. However, he eats only when he's awake. Boys imitate their Dads in spite of all efforts to teach them good manners.

Boys are very durable. A boy, if not washed too often and if kept in a cool, quiet place after each accident, will survive broken bones, hornets nests, swimming holes, and five helpings of pie.

Boys love to trade things. They'll trade fish hooks, marbles, broken knives and snakes for any thing that is priceless or worthless.

When he grows up he'll trade puppy love, energy, warts, bashfulness and a cast-iron stomach for a bay window, pride, ambition, pretense and a bald head and will immediately begin to say that "boys aren't what they used to be in the good old days."

Who's Who Student

Loris Galford, son of Charles C. Galford is one of the thirteen students from Concord College to be named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for the 1950-51 year. This is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon

Unofficial Returns, General Election, Tuesday, November 7, 1950, for Pocahontas County

	1. Durbin	2. Bartow	3. Green Bank	4. Cass	5. East Cass	6. Dunmore	10. Marlinton	11. West Marlinton	12. Campbelltown	13. Brushy Flat	14. Clover Lick	15. Slaty Fork	16. Mace	17. Woodrow	18. Buckeye	21. Frost	22. Minnehaha Springs	23. Huntersville	24. Thorny Creek	26. Millpoint	27. Hillsboro	28. Lobelia	29. Droop Mountain	30. Seebert	31. Beard	Total Vote	Majority
For Congress, Second District																											
Harley O. Staggers (D)	323	173	265	114	151	140	207	179	126	41	79	38	43	43	58	65	70	77	5	78	139	37	62	52	60	2625	675
Melvin C. Snyder (R)	131	62	96	37	96	75	189	190	208	67	52	43	23	52	97	116	42	91	3	61	43	43	59	48	26	1950	
For State Treasurer																											
William H. Ansel, Jr. (D)	301	161	260	112	144	131	202	175	115	39	76	39	42	42	56	63	65	77	5	78	132	34	59	51	55	2514	591
Hal F. Morris (R)	138	55	90	36	96	73	191	185	205	69	50	41	22	50	97	118	45	86	3	57	45	44	60	46	26	1923	
For Attorney General																											
William C. Marland (D)	291	158	258	111	146	129	195	176	116	38	75	36	42	41	55	63	62	73	5	77	130	34	60	49	55	2475	552
William H. Rardin (R)	129	58	91	37	95	72	192	182	208	68	48	43	22	50	98	112	43	87	2	56	45	45	55	46	27	1923	
For Judge Supreme Court																											
Leslie E. Given (D)	300	160	251	111	143	128	197	175	116	38	76	35	41	38	55	61	67	74	5	77	132	34	58	50	56	2478	564
Charles Ritchie (R)	140	57	97	38	95	69	188	184	202	69	48	44	22	91	98	111	43	84	3	56	46	45	57	44	25	1914	
For Judge Circuit Court																											
Nickell Kramer (D)	311	167	270	117	150	137	236	207	135	40	85	39	42	45	60	69	72	79	5	86	147	35	65	52	58	2709	
For State Senator																											
Henry J. McKinley (D)	308	168	265	117	151	135	224	195	126	39	83	35	41	42	57	65	65	75	5	79	143	35	63	52	56	2624	
For House of Delegates																											
June McElwee (D)	266	145	209	115	140	132	209	205	129	41	65	42	44	37	67	54	55	67	5	79	133	32	53	50	54	2419	273
John H. McCutcheon (R)	185	83	164	35	104	84	187	168	209	66	63	40	22	56	87	127	55	101	2	62	50	49	66	50	31	2146	
For Member County Court																											
Z. S. Smith, Jr. (D)	302	163	265	120	149	138	236	210	136	44	82	39	43	43	60	66	66	89	5	84	136	36	63	52	58	2676	
For Clerk County Court																											
C. A. McLaughlin (D)	310	172	281	122	152	153	247	213	140	45	87	41	43	43	64	78	75	80	5	85	142	36	66	53	58	2791	
For Clerk Circuit Court																											
Grady K. Moore (D)	314	172	288	122	152	149	252	225	150	49	93	43	44	47	71	83	81	86	5	93	143	38	65	56	59	2882	
For Board of Education																											
Gordon Dilley	71	47	92	35	58	77	193	221	167	67	57	46	37	41	90	169	49	121	5	58	80	50	52	35	28	1886	1886
Hal Moore	105	58	170	74	94	99	197	185	107	40	59	33	32	23	56	93	81	65	3	54	111	35	47	33	28	1882	1882
Homer T. Sutton	104	78	143	28	70	71	100	115	90	44	30	22	19	25	71	38	24	72	0	27	26	25	23	12	12	1289	
Joseph C. Wooddell	207	84	218	101	138	97	147	98	61	20	48	15	20	9	37	40	34	34	2	32	90	18	31	40	15	1636	
Legislature Amendment																											
For Ratification	40	33	56	23	45	26	77	80	47	13	21	13	6	11	20	24	18	29	1	17	46	12	26	15	18	737	
Against Ratification	174	72	150	58	69	86	181	180	144	50	60	30	39	28	67	96	58	90	2	66	79	38	36	35	23	1913	1176
School Bond Amendment																											
For Ratification	174	76	144	69	109	61	165	152	98	27	31	25	17	19	53	44	30	38	1	36	67	17	40	31	31	1555	
Against Ratification	128	56	118	35	40	86	130	143	129	50	54	32	40	22	51	91	33	97	2	54	82	32	35	34	23	1597	42
Veterans' Amendment																											
For Ratification	290	138	249	94	159	128	227	218	186	86	70	48	48	40	104	106	54	104	7	77	106	38	69	52	49	2747	1662
Against Ratification	81	40	65	41	35	45	115	111	100	8	42	23	14	19	26	50	43	47	1	38	55	22	21	25	18	1085	

Pyles Mountain

Hubert Dean, mail carrier, has returned to his duties on the route after a 2 week's visit in Huntington, W. Va. He was sent as a delegate of the local I. O. O. F. lodge to a meeting there. After business of the Lodge was attended to, he spent a visit with his brother, Raymond Dean, in Huntington and on a tour of Ohio on which they covered 1 000 miles visiting the big cities of Akron, Columbus and Cleveland, going through the Great Lakes section of Ohio. They looked in on the Joe Busch family at Kent, on passing through. Mr. Busch

FIELD NOTES

Up on Browns Mountain the State road workers stirred out a big mother copperhead snake. By actual count she was carrying thirty-two baby snakes. The lateness of her season and number of babies are both unusual.

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Late last month Carl Gibson killed a big rattler on Thorny Creek. She carried one baby snake and a half dozen eggs.

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All fall these upper reaches of the Greenbrier Valley have had robins literally by the thousands. They are feeding on the big crops

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CALVIN W. PRICE, EDITOR

THURSDAY, FEB. 8, 1951

Here is another try at a chapter on Huntersville—

The stone jail house at Huntersville remains. It is built of the hardest of sand stones. White Medina, I believe, is the book name. It cost the notorious General Ben Butler— ("Spoon thief") a bit of money.

To begin with, land on the Western Waters --- Mississippi drainage--- was Indian territory by solemn treaty from 1722 to 1777. That year the colony of Virginia became a Commonwealth. She did not recognize the validity of a British treaty made with the six Civilized Indian Tribes at the Long House in Albany, N. Y. 1722.

As soon as the Revolution was about over, this Valley was over run with land grabbers. The Wilson Survey, the Gallagher Survey and Phillips Survey were among great land grants of tens of thousands of acres each. To circumvent such things some peculiar laws had to be made. For instance, if taxes were not paid such holdings were sold for school funds. These tax sales were made to stick too. Then the possession law was taken from the Indians -- the best title being ten years of undisputed possession under fence.

Philadelphia lawyers could never get the idea that such a tax sale title could be held good. They did recognize as valid possession ownership.

Such old land surveys found sale among thieving suckers up north. General Ben Butler was one such. He bit on the Wilson Survey of about 50,000 acres. It called for the Corner Oak, near the Marlinton depot. From thence it went to the Hill Country, out toward Dunmore, over to and across Greenbrier River and back to the point of beginning.

The first step was to rerun the lines of the old survey. Local surveyors refused to connive in the steal. Deeds were offered to land owners for their holdings under fence on the old grant. No one accepted such deeds.

One land owner up in The Hills in the gamble for a fifty thousand acre tract of timber land,

The General was given the name of "spoon thief" at New Orleans. As commanding officer of that captured Confederate City he was accused of spoiling homes of silverware. Whether true or not, the name stuck.

After the war, General Butler was elected Governor of Massachusetts.

Finally agitation over those old land grants was quieted by high court decision in the King Land Case. This was an immense grant down Kanawha County way. The survey embraced possibly hundreds of thousands of acres of coal lands, which are now worth untold millions of dollars.

As for the hard White Medina stone in the old jail house, a favorite tale is that of a North Carolina road hand. For two whole days he and his buddy worked to drill a hole for blasting. He always maintained that at the end of the second day the drill had raised a blister on the rock as big as his fist!

The carpet bag Judge at Huntersville was the late Judge Nat Harrison. He belonged to a fine old New England family, up Vermont way. He gave promise of an outstanding career in the law. A century ago next year, he came into prominence as attorney for the defence in the last trial for piracy on the high seas. After the war, courts and county government was reestablished here with Judge Nat Harrison on the Circuit Court. A lot of Confederate veterans found themselves indicted for murder in the Judge's Court. I do not know that any were ever tried. There were intimations of black mail. Attorney Dayton of Philippi, offered his services for the defense. He was a native of New England and a Union man. He was a tower of strength for a distressed people in a trying time. His son was the late Judge and Congressman A. G. Dayton.

The late Captain D. A. Stover, of the Confederates States Army, of the Stovers of Stovers Shop, Virginia, was an attorney of high standing. He, too, came to the rescue of our oppressed people by attempting to qualify to again practice in the Pocahontas Circuit Court. He took the test oath, in which he solemnly swore that he had not aided nor abetted the Southern Confederacy in any way. He thus got himself indicted for perjury and what all. The record was against him. He was an experienced soldier, a veteran of the Mexican War. So, he helped to raise, train and take a

Ray Of Light

Through all the misty muss and muck raised by cheap politicians and hysterical backs of press and radio and other back seat drivers to weaken the guiding hand of Secretary of State Acheson, in this critical time, comes as a ray of light the following news dispatch by the Associated Press:

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Republican moves to oust Secretary of State Dean Acheson were termed a "disturbing danger" in a statement released by 875 American social scientists.

The scholars, from 377 colleges and institutions in thirty states, urged "firm support" of Acheson "in spite of the position recently taken by the Republican minority in Congress."

The statement was released on behalf of the other signers by an informal committee composed of Harley D. Gideonse, president of Brooklyn College; Allen Nevins, history professor at Columbia University; Dean Paul Appleby of Syracuse University and Dean Edward S. Mason of Harvard University.

"We can see no way in which the replacement of our Secretary of State could strengthen or advance our policy or our world position," the statement said.

It asserted that such an action "would constitute a tragic retreat, opening our policy to disintegration, and so confusing and weakening our leadership in the world."

The statement described Acheson's policies as reflecting "imagination, world understanding and hard-headed practicality."

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Rider, and Mrs. Sadie Bossard visited Mrs. Kate Gibson and family at Frost, Sunday.

The January meeting of the Mt. Zion Farm Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. Oda Gay at Huntersville. The guest speaker of the meeting was Mrs. Carlon Pritchard, of Dunmore. The Club has changed the date of their meeting from the second Wednesday to the second Tuesday of each month. A delicious salad course was served and the meeting adjourned to meet on February 12th, with an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. Gordon Dilley.

James Madison Wilson of Cleveland, Ohio, was called here last week by the death of his cousin, Mrs. Mattie Tibbs Jefferson.

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...he following is part of ... essay written by Julia ... Lockridge (now Mrs. ...mas Pitsenberger), ...ghter of Mr. and Mrs. ...ian Lockridge, which ... first place in a 1958 ...test sponsored by the ...t Virginia Historical ...iety.

...untersville Presbyterian Chur... which has served as a barracks, ...pital, court room, and place of ...ship for all denominations, is ...ted in Pocahontas County.

...untersville was the name giv... to the sedate, scenic, and his... village in the foothills of the ...gheny Mountains as a compli...t to the hunters that swarmed ...e during the seasons. Two ...orical buildings are now stand... in Huntersville: the brick jail, ...h was built in 1823 immedi...y after Huntersville became ... county seat of Pocahontas ...nty by an Act of the Virginia ...mbly in 1822, and the Hunt...ville Presbyterian Church which ... completed in 1854. Both ...ese withstood the fire set by ... Federal troops during the ... War to prevent Hunters... from becoming a Confeder... depot for millitary supplies.

...untersville, known as "The ... place with large ways," had ...y year a military celebration ...d the "Big Muster" which ...much looked forward to by ...people of the vicinity. The ...t of having the "Big Muster" ...due to Major John Alexander ...exington, who trained the ...n Regiment for this celebra-

The Civil War came soon after this colonial structure, in which the people of Huntersville took so much pride, was completed. During the war it was used as a garrison and hospital for Federal and Confederate troops. Federal troops burned part of Huntersville to prevent it from being a Confederate depot for military supplies, but the church was not burned. Robert E. Lee was encamped within a stone's throw of the church while it was being used as a hospital. Names of soldiers could be seen upon the walls and beams of the church until a few years ago when it was redecorated. The town was never captured but often occupied by both sides at different times. During this period the Church Bible was stolen. It was commonly thought that it was misplaced by Mason Greene of Virginia. Many years later the Bible was found in a tenement house in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It had come into the possession of Andrew Mellon in Pittsburgh, who after finding its owner sent the Bible to a bindery to be rebound, with the expectation of returning it to the Huntersville Presbyterian Church. Before he accomplished this mission he became ill and died. Mr. Mellon's family did not know where the Bible was sent to be rebound. Thus not knowing of anyone who knew of the Bible's whereabouts, to this day this church is without its original Bible.

The November 1863 term of County Court was held in this church; it was decided at this meeting to appropiate the sum of $2,000 for the support of destitute families of soldiers of the Confederacy.

Reverends M. D. Dunlap and W. T. Price held the first sacramental services in Huntersville

JANUARY 3, 1862.—Descent upon, and skirmish at, Huntersville, W. ...

Report of Maj. George Webster, Twenty-fifth Ohio Infantry.

HUTTONSVILLE, W. VA., *January* 6, 18...

SIR: I have the honor to report that, in obedience to your order... December 31, 1861, at 1 p. m., I left this place with a detachment o... men of the Twenty-fifth Regiment Ohio Volunteers for Huntersv... Pocahontas County, West Virginia. At Camp Elk Water I was jo... by a detachment of 300 men from the Second West Virginia Regim... under Major Owens, and at Big Spring by a detachment of 38 cav... of the Bracken Cavalry, under First Lieutenant Delzell. I appoi... First Lieut. Charles B. Jones, of the Twenty-fifth Ohio, acting adju...

On the morning of January 3, finding the road at the base of ... Mountain, and for a distance of 1 mile, so obstructed by felled tre... to render the farther progress of teams impossible, I left my wa... and detached Captain Johnson, of the Twenty-fifth Ohio, with 50 o... most disabled men, to guard them. Avoiding the obstructions ... detour to the left, I pushed forward to Greenbrier River, and a... tained that a considerable number of militia were gathered at the bri... 1 mile below, on their way to Huntersville. I directed Lieutenant ...zell with his detachment of cavalry to ford the river, and by a r... movement across the river bottom to gain possession of the road in ... of the bridge. This he did in most gallant style, and cut off from H...tersville the entire militia force at the bridge, except a few mou... scouts. The balance fled back into the country, evidently in great ...fusion and dismay. Hastily detaching Captain Williams, of the Tw...fifth Ohio, with 50 men, to hold the bridge, I pushed forward, and w... 2 miles from town the enemy's pickets fired upon my advanced gua... Companies E and G, of the Twenty-fifth Ohio—but after a few s... retired.

The column moved forward, and 1 mile from town I discovered ... enemy's cavalry at the extreme of a level bottom field, dismounted ... posted over the brow of a hilly spur which jutted out into the field ... their right, with Nap's Creek on their left. I immediately deploy... part of the Twenty-fifth Ohio up the hill to our left to turn the ene... right, and with the balance of our force moved up in front. The en... at once opened upon us and their fire became general, which was v...ously responded to by our men. They soon discovered my flank m...ment, however, and falling back to their horses hastily mounted ... retreated.

I again moved the column forward, crossed Nap's Creek, and fo... the enemy posted upon a second bottom, extending from our right ne... across the valley and half a mile in front of town. I promptly depl... Companies A and B, of the Twenty-fifth Ohio, into line to our r... at the base of the hill, to attack the enemy's left, and directed M... Owens, with the Second West Virginia and Bracken Cavalry, to ma... considerable detour, turn the enemy's right, and take him in rear. ... balance of the Twenty-fifth Ohio I formed to attack in front. ... disposition made and in the way of rapid execution under the ene... fire, and Companies A and B having opened upon his left, the en... again retired, mounted, and retreated into town. After a few min... rest I formed my command into two columns, the Twenty-fifth Oh... move upon the right and the Second West Virginia and cavalry ... the left of the town. In this order the troops rushed forward, chee... into town as the enemy, after a few inefficient shots, fled from the ...

We found the place deserted, the houses broken open, and g... scattered, the cause of which was soon stated by a returned cit... The rebel commander had ordered the citizens to remove all their ...able property, as he intended, if beaten, to burn the town. We fo... large quantities of rebel stores, consisting in part of 350 barrels of ... 300 salted beeves, (about 150,000 pounds), 30,000 pounds of salt, ... large amounts of sugar, coffee, rice, bacon, clothing, &c., all of w... I caused to be destroyed by burning the building in which they ... stored, having no means to bring them off. The value of the prop... thus destroyed I estimated at $30,000. Our forces captured and bro... home a large number of Sharp's carbines, sabers, horse-pistols, and ... army clothing.

The enemy had in the action 400 regular cavalry armed with Sh... carbines, and several hundred mounted militia assembled from ...hontas County the night before. There were also two compani... infantry quartered in town, but fled without making a stand. ... enemy's loss is believed to have been considerable. It was reporte... a citizen who returned at 1 killed and 7 wounded. Private Oliv... Hershee, of Company E, Twenty-fifth Ohio, was seriously wound... the arm. No other casualties occurred on our side. I mailed the ...

bit to the front, to cruelly murder the plucky fowl. Sure, it is a far cry from a day of such ferocity wreaked on a helpless creature to our busy times, with the diver diving in a stream beside a busy highway at the harsh blare of a traffic horn, and rising to wave his wings gallantly to the gentler call of the lady's car.

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A farm couple drove the nine miles into town, and from the number of animals they observed that morning on their farm and on the road, why small game must be coming back: One wild turkey hen, one ringneck pheasant, two grouse, two gray squirrels, one rabbit, one red squrrel, one water snake.

Away back in the early years of the eighteen hundreds, a big bear came out of the Black Forest to a home high on the mountain above Bridger Gap, in the Marvin neighborhood. The great beast caught a little child playing in the yard of a cabin home, killed it by crushing its head by a single bite and started to carry his prey to the nearby forest. Pursued by frantic mother, father and dogs; the bear dropped the little body. However, it made escape back into the Black Forest.

That is the story I have heard since childhood. Mrs. Ed Boblett of the Marvin neighborhood, asked for the name of the family, whose child the bear stole away and killed. I said Waddell. She said wrong answer; there was a

Mr. McMillion attended local schools and is now employed by the Meadow River Lumber Company, at East Rainelle. The couple are residing with her parents at the present time.

James Dunn, Jr., late of the U. S. Navy, now in business in New York, was here last week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn and his grandfather, W. H. Adkison.

Among the patients in Greenbrier Valley hospital at Ronceverte, as listed in the West Virginia News is C. C. Champlin, of Durbin.

Luther Bright and Wayne Geiger are back from a three week's trip to the Pacific Slope. They traveled by automobile and lived in a trailer. The round trip amounted to almost 8,000 miles Too much cold weather made the trout fishing poor. Late frosts and freezes injured the fruit crop there too.

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Sunday School throughout
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after the Civil War, in the Huntersville Presbyterian Church in the early summer of 1865. A detachment of federal troops rode through during the services, but the services were not interrupted. The soldiers looked in the broken windows and carefully examined the horses. Rev. Dunlap went out after the services to find his horse had been taken as a "Brand ed horse." Thus the first minister of Huntersville Presbyterian Church, Rev. M. D. Dunlap, returned to his home in Hillsboro on a borrowed horse. The stolen horse had been acquired by Rev. Dunlap during Averill's retreat through the vicinity of Hillsboro. It was a worn-out horse and had been left to die.

The Masonic Lodge was organized in Huntersville on August 11, 1875. This was the date of the first meeting, which was held on the second floor of the court house. Their charter was granted on November 11, 1875. In need of a Lodge Hall arrangements were made with the trusteeship of the Presbyterian Church to add a second story to the church building for the use of a Lodge Hall. This Lodge was the first lodge in Pocahontas County and is the Mother Lodge of three others in this county. The other three are located in Marlinton, Cass, and Hillsboro. For years it was the smallest lodge in the state.

When the roof and steeple of the church were removed to add the second story it was found that the large pine ball on the spire had several bullet holes in it. In the lodge room there is a gavel made from part of this ball by Mr. O. E. Mc Keever, who was once Master of the Lodge and also a worker on the Lodge Hall's construction.

The white wood structure was at this time enlarged and renovated in a very attractive style. Leading to the second floor is a winding stairway on a landing of which is the entrance to the balcony; then the stairway continues to the second floor.

The lodge hall was dedicated o. June 18, 1896. The furniture of the lodge is all hand made, all the working tools are hand made from black walnut and are still in use today. The Masons rent the hall to the Order of the Eastern Star.

The church interior was redecorated around its hundredth anniversary, which was August 12 1954. The interior walls of the first floor were painted green and the pews were redone. However, you can still see two fox and geese boards which were carved there by the soldiers. The original organ is still there but is not

After remaining in town two hours I marched back to Edray through a drenching rain and sleet, having made 25 miles that day.

To-day I returned to Huttonsville with the detachment from the Twenty-fifth Ohio, having made a winter march of 102 miles in a little less than six days, and penetrated into the enemy's country 30 miles farther than any body of our troops had before gone. The men are in good condition, considering the march, and are in excellent spirits.

To my second in command, Major Owens, of the Second West Virginia; Captains Washburn, Williams, Johnson, Crowell, Green, and Askew; Lieutenants Higgins, Rowlts, Hungtion, Blazly, and Ball, and Acting-Adjutant Jones, of the Twenty-fifth Ohio; to Captains Plauky, Gibson, and McNally; Lieutenants West, Ecker, Day, Hunter, Smyth, Higgins, and Weaver, of the Second West Virginia, and to Lieutenants Delzell and Bassett, of the Bracken Cavalry, I desire to tender my acknowledgments for the prompt, efficient, and gallant manner in which they performed their respective duties on the march and in the action.

To the men composing my command generally too much praise cannot be awarded. During the lo g and weary march their spirits never flagged. They at all times cheerfully submitted to necessary discipline. For one hour and a half in which they were engaged in driving the enemy from cover to cover, a distance of 2 miles, not a man flinched.

I cannot close this report without expressing the deep obligations of myself and comrades of the Twenty-fifth Ohio to the officers and men of the Second West Virginia for the very hospitable manner in which we were entertained at Camp Elk Water last night, and thereby saved a night's exposure to a storm of rain, hail, and snow.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, yours, &c.,

GEO. WEBSTER,

Maj. 25th Reg't Ohio Vols., Comdg. Huntersville Expedition.

Brig. Gen. R. H. Milroy.

HISTORY OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY

One of the most memorable days in the social and civil history of Pocahontas County was the 5th day of March, 1822, when the first court was held at the residence of John Bradshaw, at Huntersville, a log tenement that stood where the Lightner House now stands.

John Jordan, William Poage, James Tallman, Robert Gay, John Baxter, George Burner, and Benjamin Tallman were present and handed in their commissions as Justices of the Peace, signed by Governor Randolph.

Colonel John Baxter administered the oath of office, each member qualifying four times, in virtue of which multiplied qualification the members of the new court were solemnly obligated to the faithful performance of official duties; fidelity to the Commonwealth of Virginia; support the national Constitution; and oppose dueling. William Poage, Jr., then administered the four prescribed oaths to Colonel John Baxter, and the proclamation was made that the court was duly open for business.

John Jordan was sworn in as High Sheriff, giving bond for $30,000, with Abram and Isaac McNeel as sureties or bondsmen. Josiah Beard was appointed Clerk, with Thomas Beard, George Poage and James Tallman bondsmen, on a bond for $3,000. Johnson Reynolds, of Lewisburg, qualified as Attorney for the Commonwealth. Sampson L. Mathews was recommended for appointment as Surveyor of Lands. William Hughes was appointed Constable for the Levels District, with William McNeel and Robert McClintock as sureties in a bond of $500. James Cooper was appointed Constable for the Head of Greenbrier, with William Slaven and Samuel Hogsett as bondsmen.

These proceedings occupied the first day, and court adjourned until 10 a. m. the following morning.

When Court convened March 6, 1822, all were present except Robert Gay. John Jordan, the High Sheriff, moved the Court that his son Jonathan Jordan be appointed Deputy Sheriff. The motion prevailed, granting the request, whereupon the four oaths, as already described, were duly administered by the Clerk.

James Callison, William Edminson, John Hill, John Cochran, Alexander Waddell, John McNeill ("Little John"), Robert Moore, Martin Dilley, Benjamin Arbogast, William Sharp, William Hartman, and Joseph Wolfenberger were appointed overseers of various roads, completed and prospective, in the county.

Robert Gay—still out of court—was appointed Commissioner of the Revenue. When informed of this appointment he appeared in court and gave bond in $1000 with William Cackley and John Baxter sureties, whereupon he was duly qualified.

Attorneys Cyrus Curry from Lexington, Rockbridge County, and Johnston Reynolds, from Lewisburg, Greenbrier County, were licensed to practice law as the first two members of the Pocahontas Bar.

The next business transacted at this historic term of the court appears to have been the organization of the 127th Regiment of the State militia as a part of Virginia military establishment. The folowing citizens were nominated as "fit and proper" to fill the requisite offices, and the Governor and Council were requested to issue commissions to them: John Baxter, Colonel; Benjamin Tallman, Lieutenant-Colonel; William Blair, Major; Boone Tallman, William Arbogast, Henry Herold, Isaac Moore, and Milburn Huges, Captains; Andrew G. Mathews, Robert Warwick, William Morgan, William Young, and James Rhea, Lieutenants; Jacob Slaven, James Wanless, Samuel Young, James Callison, Ensigns.

Mr Abram McNeel was recommended to the Governor for Coroner.

Travis W. Perkins was granted license [...] hotel.

Thus organized, Pocahontas took her pla[ce among] the counties of Virginia, and Huntersville [was desig]nated for the County Seat. A location n[ear John] Baxter's present residence, in the vicinity [of what is] now Edray, had been selected by a committe[e ...] tion and reported on favorably as the place f[or the per]manent location of the County Seat. Induc[ements by] John Bradshaw were so enticing and favo[rable to] the people at the head of Greenbrier so anxi[ous on the] subject, that Huntersville prevailed, and the [report of] the committee on location was overruled.

In 1800 the population of the region c[oincident] with the present limits of Pocahontas Count[y amount]ed to about one hundred and fifty-three pe[rsons. They] were for the most part members of the fir[st families] that had permanent homesteads, whose h[eads were] John McNeel, Thomas McNeill, Moses Mo[ore, ...] Lightner, Henry Harper, John Moore, Feli[x ...] Samuel Waugh, James Waugh, Aaron Moo[re, ...] Moore, Timothy McCarty, Robert Gay, [...] Friel, Jacob Warwick, John Slaven, John [...] Sampson Mathews, Josiah Brown, John Sh[arp, Wil]liam Sharp, William Poage, John Baxter, L[...] and John Bradshaw.

From the census returns it appears that in [...] population of the county was 2,542; in 18[40, ...] in 1850, 3,598; in 1860, 3,958; in 1870, [...] 1880, 5,591; in 1890, 6,813, in 1900, 8,572

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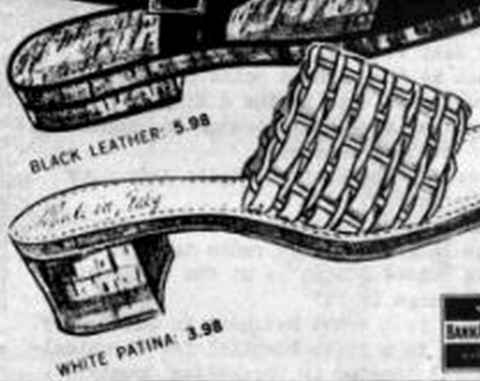

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privilege of witnessing the truly final attestation of reconciliation.

Such a gesture is unparalled in the history of the world. Hardly any other government would honor the valor of the men who had tried to destroy it. From what I have been able to gather the nearest approach to such an attitude is Great Britain's transfer, in 1906, to the beaten Boers of complete power over their conquered country, only four years after the close of a bitter war.

It seems as though this reconciliation between the two sections of the United States started immediately upon the cessation of hostilities. Understanding treatment of the Confederate leaders played a part. Though Jefferson Davis was imprisoned for a time, no secessionists were hanged, and the second in command in the Confederate government, Vice-

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CALVIN W. PRICE, EDITOR

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1951

This tale comes from Beaver Creek by an eye witness. It sounds logical to me. However, the reader will have to judge for himself.

On the first day of fishing about 48 anxious fisherman surrounded a likely blue hole, about as thick as they could stand and and cast. At six o'clock sharp, four dozen lines flipped into that pool. The visual effect was not unlike a huge spider web forming on the water. A big trout grabbed for a lure and got a whole mouthful. To be exact, seven books in all. The poor fish was strung up in the air by seven lines from that many points of the compass. It was up to a disinterested man to wade in; cut that trout in seven portions. Each man was returned his hook with his proportionate part of the trout.

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Mill Point—Last week there were three occurrences out of the ordinary at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boblett. First, they saw a fine big deer out in the pasture field. This was the first deer seen on this farm in many years. Second, the farm flock of ewes were brought in near to the house for close attention with lambs arriving. The other night something disturbed the flock—dog or varment. Going for to see, a varment went off into the night, squalling---wild cat or panther. Third, a little balloon, deflated to about the size of a twelve quart bucket settled in the top of a high tree. It is so far out of reach, about all that can be told is that its color is blue.

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Last Thursday close observers reported a big water fowl in the Greenbrier; above the bridge and below the Island. The taxi man said it dived when he blew his horn. I knew it was a loon, and I knew it would stay put until after dark, at least. Loons are night travellers. After work hours, the wife and I drove by to see the visitor. Sure enough, it was a great northern diver, in summer plumage. It was busy feeding on minnows or something the flushed water was floating along. I said I had been told

Anyway, if any one familiar with this well authenticated tradition of a bear killing and attempting to carry away a three year old child, will send in the family name as they heard it from their grand parents, I would be much obliged.

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Along in the 1880's on Bridger Mountain just a few miles from Bridger Gap, a mother and her relatives were given the scare of their lives. A great hungry bear came out of the Black Forest straight toward the house where a baby boy lay asleep on the porch. However this bear passed by the house and on to the pig pen. There he killed a shoat and carried it away. The helpless horror of the women who saw the bear from a distant hillside can be imagined; also their inexpressable relief when the bear took a hog instead of the baby boy. The visitors were one of the McKeever families coming back to visit home folks—Rev. Allan McKeever's I expect.

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Since the above was written I have been checking on history and tradition with my friend, William H. Gilmore of Stony Creek. He did not remember ever hearing the name of the child killed by a bear on Little mountain. However there was a family by the name of Pate on Stony Creek, whose little child was killed and carried away by a bear. This family lived on the farm now owned by Lee Barlow. The time was in the 1790. The family was out planting corn. One of the older children saw a big black "dog" carrying off the baby. The McCollams, Griffins and Youngs came with their dogs and they killed the bear.

Clinton Preston Mann

Clinton Preston Mann, 86 years of age, a highly respected retired farmer, died at his home on Sunday, April 15, 1951. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Martha Blanche Mann; three sons, James W., of the U. S. Army, stationed in Korea; Porter O., with the Army in Hawaii, and Carl Lee Mann, of Lewisburg; three daughters, Mrs. Robert L. Lipps and Mrs. June Gragg, of Lewisburg, and Mrs. Elmer Hill, of Maxwelton; three brothers, J. M. Mann, of Pedro, Ohio; Steve Mann, of Robinson, Illinois, and Porter Mann, of Oblong, Illinois; also eleven grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, with his pastor, Rev. J. P Proffit, officiating. Interment was made in the Walkup cemetery.

Roads

It will not be as long as it has been until there will be good road connection with Warm Springs and points east. Last week the contractor, Sam Pollino, started men clearing right of way from Minnehaha Springs to Rider's Gap of Alleghany Mountain. Two bridges— at the Spring across Knapps Creek, and at the White Farm across Douthard have been let to contract. Aside from convenience to the traveling public, completion of this link means a good business-feeder to this Town of Marlinton.

The contract for re-surfacing treatment of Route 219, in Pocahontas County from Mill Point to the Greenbrier County line is being considered.

The Road Commission also proposes to extend the hard road from the Joe Pyles place on Beaver Creek to the far entrance of Watoga State Park.

There will be considerable road improvement work inside of Watoga Park by Road Commission men and equipment at the expense of Park funds.

Much work in the way of surfacing is planned for the new Wesley Chapel road between Dunmore and Green Bank.

Another piece of secondary road which has been surveyed and under consideration is a link of new road of several miles through the National Forest, connecting the Hills Creek road with the Richwood road Route 39. This will be great convenience to several good neighborhoods by cutting the distance to Richwood, from Hillsboro South.

The engineers were careful to miss the two fine falls of Hills Creek, but the new road will make this area of remarkable natural beauty more easily available.

The new road will furnish fire protection to fine timbered area of the Forest too.

With the building of the link between Hills Creek and Richwood roads, the next improvement in order will be the making of a recreation area on National Forest lands round about the two falls of Hills Creek. And a grand and pleasant and popular place it will prove to be too.

Pigs For Sale

Six nice pigs, part Berkshire, over six weeks old and ready to go. At the farm of W. S. Smith in Burr Valley, twelve miles from Huntersville.

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The Oak Grove Book

I have in my hand a nice li[ttle] booklet, "History of Oak Gr[ove] Church." The compiler is R[ev.] John Kerr Fleming, a former p[as]tor, now of Hedgesville. A g[ood] part of the booklet is his pa[per] read at the Sesqui Centennial [cel]ebration at the Old Church [in] 1943.

In the outline of contents th[ere] is the historical backgrou[nd,] names of ministers, evangeli[sts,] stated supplies, pastors, elde[rs,] deacons, trustees; grounds [and] buildings This naturally con[sti]tutes a roll call of family names [of] the Little Levels from Revo[lu]tionary War times down to [the] present.

People have gone through [the] years from the Oak Grove c[on]gregation to all parts of the co[un]try. This little booklet is so[me]thing to be treasured in homes [by the] hundred, far and near.

The cost is the modest sum [of] $1.00. Address Miss Elizab[eth] Price McLaughlin, at Hillsbor[o.]

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Lost

Lost or stolen from my hand bag o[n] about April 9, one medium white [gold] with a blue plastic ring box inside [...] a wedding band in it; small dia[mond] sets on top of ring. A valuable r[ing.] Finder please return to

Mrs Roy Cain
Huntersville, wva apr 26-

For Sale

48 acre farm 3 1-2 miles from G[reen] Bank on Wesley Chapel Road. [...] outbuildings and house; all under [...] fence. An ideal spot for hunting [...] If interested, see

William B. Thomas
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For Sale

3 Piece Wicker Set, in good [con]dition.

Mrs. Raymond Wiley
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Wanted

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For Sale

14-room house for sale, with 3-r[oom] cottage, and 2-car garage, on 10th [...] Marlinton. See—

Mrs Mary Kinca[id]
5 3-3t

Domini [illegible]. Needless to say it is brown with age, and requires very careful handling.

It was brought to the Levels by Martha Davis McNeel about 1765. "This is the first Bible that there is any record of having ever been brought to the waters of the Greenbrier," taken from Price's History of Pocahontas.

Martha Davis McNeel was a Calvinistic Methodist and it was she who performed the first burial rites ever performed at the McNeel cemetery. Also, it was she and her husband, John McNeel, who built the "White Pole Church" and it is highly probable that this Bible was used in these services.

Here I again quote from Price's History "The deep hold that Methodism has held in the Levels of Pocahontas for the last hundred years can be explained when I say that the man and woman who built the "White Pole Church" laid the foundation of the Methodist Church."

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John Bradshaw's grave stone

This clerk's office was built soon after the County was formed and stood at the rear side of the original court house. These buildings both are owned by Elmer Nelson.

This picture shows some of the Civil War trenches at Huntersville.

Mrs. Ward Barlow tells us the first rose geranium plant was brought to Pocahontas County at Huntersville by Mrs. Margaret Ann Craig.

Hospital Patients

Marlinton—Merl Brewster, John Blankenship, Miss Margaret C. Gay, Mrs. Cora Getting, Mrs. Maude Welder, Arlie White, Lawrence Kennison, Irene Smith, Linda Reed, Edna Hinkle.

Richwood—Miss Betty Patton.

Cass—Mrs. Chloe Wolfe, Mrs. Ella Neighbors.

Buckeye—Plummer F. Cutlip.

Stony Bottom—Mrs. Bessie Mace.

Clover Lick—Mrs. Anna Kelley.

Minnehaha Springs—Miss Naomi May, Emogene Wade.

Droop Mountain—Kenneth Boggs.

Mill Point—Jack Townsend.

Pasadena, Maryland—James Hammons.

Hillsboro—Archie Walker.

Frankford—Flossie Blankenship.

Fairmont—Roscoe Sherbs.

Huntersville—Clara Weatherholt.

BIRTHS—

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Blankenship, of Frankford, a son, on Thursday, June 24, 1971.

...county, or a majority of them, to appoint such place within the county, for holding courts, as they may think proper; *provided, always*, That the appointment of a clerk, and a temporary place for holding courts, shall not be made, unless a majority of the justices of the said county be present.

5. It shall be lawful for the sheriffs of the counties of Bath, Pendleton and Randolph, to collect and make distress for any public dues, or officers' fees, which shall remain unpaid by the inhabitants of the county of Pocahontas at the time it takes place, and shall be accountable for the same in like manner as if this act had never been made.

6. The governor, with the advice of council, shall appoint a person to be first sheriff of the county of Pocahontas, who shall continue in office during the term, and upon the same conditions, as are by law appointed for other sheriffs.

7. The courts of the counties of Bath, Pendleton ....

An Act of December 28, 1824, added 60 square miles from Greenbrier County.

The Huntersville Post office was established August 6, 1822. The first postmaster was Thomas Bradshaw.

To HIS WIFE
"Kinloch," Virginia

Huntersville, Virginia
August 4, 1861

I reached here yesterday dearest Mary to visit this portion of the army. The day after my arrival at Staunton I set off for Monterey, where the army of Genl [Robert S.] Garnett's command is stationed. Two regiments & a field-battery occupy the Alleghany Mountains in advance, about 30 miles, & this division guards the road to Staunton. The division here guard the road leading by the Warm Springs to Milboro & Covington. Two regiments are advanced about 28 miles to Middle Mountain. Fitzhugh [Lee] with his squadron is between that point & this & I have not yet seen him. I understand he is well.

South of here again is another column of our enemies, making their way up the Kanawha Valley & from Genl [Henry A.] Wise's report are not far from Lewisburg. Their object seems to be to get possession of the Virginia Central Railroad & the Virginia & Tennessee Railroad. By the first they can approach Richmond. By the last interrupt our reinforcements from the South. The points from which we can be attacked are numerous, & their means are unlimited. So we must always be on the alert. My uneasiness on these points brought me out here. It is so difficult to get our people, unaccustomed to the necessities of war, to comprehend & promptly execute the measures required for the occasion. Genl [Henry R.] Jackson of Georgia commands on the Monterey line. Genl [William W.] Loring on this line, & Genl Wise supported by Genl [John B.] Floyd on the Kanawha line. The soldiers everywhere are sick. The measles are prevalent throughout the whole army, & you know that disease leaves unpleasant results, attacks on the lungs, typhoid, &c., &c., especially in camp where accommodation for the sick is poor. I travelled from Staunton on horseback. A part of the road, as far as Buffalo Gap, I passed over in the summer of 1840, on my return to St. Louis, after bringing you home. If any one had then told me that the next time I travelled that road would have been on my present errand, I should have supposed him insane. I enjoyed the mountains as I rode along. The views were magnificent. The valleys so beautiful, the scenery so peaceful. What a glorious world Almighty God has given us. How thankless & ungrateful we are, & how we labour to mar His gifts. May He have mercy on us!

Col [John A.] Washington is with me. I hope you received my letters from Richmond. Give love to Daughter & Mildred. I did not see Rob as I passed through Charlottesville. He was at the University & I could not stop.

[R. E. Lee]

From "The Wartime Papers of R. E. Lee"—Dowdy and Manarin